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HITLER'S NEW PEACE TERMS TO FRANCE IF SHE FIGHTS BRITAIN

Share in Axis 'New World Order', But Lose Empire

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, OCT. 22, (UP).—A FORTNIGHT AGO GERMANY OFFERED FRANCE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IF THE LATTER WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR AGAINST BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HERE.

The offer, however, was rejected by Marshal Petain and the majority of the Vichy Cabinet, but M. Laval supported the idea and is at present working for its acceptance.

SIX PROVISIONS

According to the diplomat's information the terms of the offer were as follows:

(1) France should be admitted to share in the Axis "New World Order" as an associated Power, but not as a partner.

(2) Germany to obtain Alsace-Lorraine and Italy to receive Nice.

(3) French troops in Africa and the French fleet and air force to co-operate in the offensive against Egypt and Palestine.

CONTROL OF FRENCH BASES

(4) Germany and Italy to assume control of French aerial and naval bases in the Mediterranean and Africa.

(5) The redistribution of French colonies as follows: France to retain Algeria—France and Italy to divide Tunisia—France and Spain to divide Morocco and Germany to regain all her former colonies.

(6) All other French colonies to be governed by Italy, Germany and France.

The diplomatic source said the alleged Italo-German terms provoked a controversy in the French Cabinet. M. Baudoin and Admiral Darlan are reported to be supporting M. Laval who is said to have argued that the offer showed Germany's desire to terminate the war quickly in the interests of all Europe.

Petain Disagrees

Marshal Petain is reported to have disagreed, declaring that he will never sign such an agreement.

General Weygand and other Cabinet Ministers supported Marshal Petain, some of them feeling that acceptance of the terms would cause the French Colonies to rally immediately to General de Gaulle.

The German offer was submitted immediately after the meeting of Hitler and Mussolini in the Brenner Pass about two weeks ago, the diplomatic source declared.

HITLER RECEIVES HIS PUPPET

BERLIN, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Hitler received M. Laval, the French Vice-Premier, to-day according to the German wireless.

Herr von Ribbentrop was present at the interview which apparently took place in France.

Vichy or Madrid

New York, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Dispatches from Berlin to-day agree that Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has left Berlin.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid, or both, and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind.

Allied Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that 63,265 tons of merchant shipping was lost to enemy action during the week ending October 13.

This comprised seven British ships totalling 32,370 tons; three Allied vessels of 17,537 tons and three neutral vessels of 13,358 tons. This compares with enemy claims that 122,041 tons had been sunk during the same period.

Ll. George Has Chill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Lloyd George has a slight chill and was unable to proceed to London from Wales to-day.

THE END OF TWO RAIDERS

These vivid pictures illustrate how German pilots are treated after they have been forced down over England. In one picture we see first-aid being given to the pilot of a Messerschmitt 109 which was shot down in flames; in the other a pilot after descending by parachute is rounded up and then given a drink.



NO SCRAP FOR JAPAN

Mexico's Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mexico will not sell scrap iron to any totalitarian Power despite Japan's reported high bids.

On the contrary Mexico may sell 19,000 tons to Britain.

It is concurrently reported that the Government has decided to cancel a 250,000 acre concession at Vera Cruz on which a Japanese concern holds the right to carry out petroleum explorations; however, it is not clear whether the actual cancellation order has yet been issued.

LATEST

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Italian Warship Is Blown Up In Red Sea

LONDON, OCT. 22, (REUTER).—THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED AGROUND AND WAS BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an Admiralty communique issued to-night, giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of October 20, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase. Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley, commanded by Lieut.-Cmdr. J. S. M. Richardson, R.N., regained touch at daylight and engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo. After an action lasting 40 minutes, the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired by the Kimberley.

The Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed. The Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two of the three guns.

In this spirited action the Kimberley sustained three wounded and the next of kin will be informed immediately.

No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage.

Another Destroyer

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An Italian destroyer in the Red Sea was attacked yesterday by Royal Air Force bombers and a direct hit on the vessel's stern was scored.

This was only part of the widespread operations by British Air Force in the Middle East yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

Between Sollum and Buy, low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles were destroyed by fire and others were severely damaged.

Further bombing raids were made on Asmara and Gura in Eritrea when tanks near workshops were hit and buildings were set on fire.

Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana), aerodrome causing

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BURMA RD. IS INTACT

60 Trucks Cross Bridge

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RANGOON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Southwest Transportation Company to-day announced the receipt of a message at 5 p.m. to-day advising that the Mekong River bridge has so far not been damaged, despite the repeated Japanese bombings. The Company's officials said the first convoy of sixty trucks crossed the bridge at dawn to-day.

The bridge is a suspension bridge between perpendicular cliffs three thousand feet high, on top of which are anti-aircraft guns. The bridge is 150 feet long.

A large number of workers at Rangoon are rushing shipments of American goods to China and China goods to America. Transportation officials said American ships are arriving here on an average of one a week.

The news that the suspension bridge has not been destroyed delighted all Chinese transportation circles.

Far East Evacuees & Shipping Rates

Washington Investigation

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—Government officials to-day said that the question of rates for the evacuation of Americans from the Far East is still under consideration between the Government and the shipping companies, but at present it is not likely that the rates can be reduced much, if any, on account of the high expense of the voyage. They said the ships will be operated at a loss even at the present rates.

They drew attention to the fact that the vessels have been withdrawn from their regular runs to make a special trip without much, if any, freight revenues which normally help to sustain the costs. The vessels will make a two-way trip without much freight and passengers fares, certainly less than enough to pay the costs.

The Government lacks funds for the removal of citizens although, as in the European evacuations, Government officials will co-operate to obtain money for destitutes from their friends, relatives or employers in the United States.

The reports that Japanese and Dutch shipping is bidding for the evacuation business has aroused much interest here and it is indicated that this might be considered among other factors in the discussions, but it is

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Advice To Britons To Leave Japanese Areas

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying in the country, would obviously be well advised to leave "while the going is good" although there has been no question of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, putting into effect his emergency scheme for evacuation, said well-informed quarters in London to-day.

There has been no change in the immediate situation and British subjects who have businesses, are carrying on to the best of their ability.

Shanghai Will Wait

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The news that the British authorities are advising Britons who have no special reason for staying in Japanese occupied areas of China, to leave, has been received calmly.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Loth To Leave

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months.

There are about 1,700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

French Building Fortifications Close To The Thailand Border

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Oct. 22 (UP).—Travellers from Ankor Vat report that the French are rapidly building strong frontier fortifications and are blockading all roads.

They said there are numerous Thai troops at Aranya; however, there are few fortifications on the Thai side of the frontier.

Vernacular newspapers also report there are secret troop movements each night on the French side of the northeastern frontier.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Colonel Luang Prom Yodhi, heading a goodwill mission, has returned from Japan and, it is believed, will be reporting to the Council of Ministers to-morrow.

This evening, 3,000 students of the Catholic Colleges made a demonstration.

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8.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.
9.30 London Relay—'To Talk of Many Things'.
9.45 Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op 16.
10.15 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.
10.30 Selections from Puccini's Operas.
11.00 Close Down.

LETTERS

Generous Gift to Kunming

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—The C.M.S. Hospital at Kunming—perhaps the best equipped in the district—was destroyed in an air-raid on Saturday. In view of the urgent need for setting up emergency units to deal with the casualties, the Medical Superintendent and Committee of the Nethersole Hospital wish to relinquish the share due to them of the collection and gifts taken at St. John's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, so that the whole amount may be sent to Kunming. I think those who gave on Hospital Sunday should know of this generous decision.

A. P. ROSE,
Acting Chaplain.

Dr. Winifred Cullis

To-morrow Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., will address an open meeting for both men and women, at 9.15 p.m., at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. Lady MacGregor has kindly consented to take the chair.

This is the last public meeting to be addressed by Professor Cullis before she leaves for Chungking and Singapore, and it is hoped that a large number will seize this opportunity of hearing her.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of $1,371,632.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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'GIVE ME A SHOT AT HIM'

Sailor Got Nazi

IT was in the darkness of night, somewhere in the North Sea, when one man aboard a British steamer called to another man, "Give me a shot. Let me bring this one down."

He brought it down—a Nazi seaplane. The ship, Highlander by name, reached port with wreckage of the plane sprawled across her poop.

Laurie Halcrow is the name of the man who called "Give me a shot."

And he threatened under his breath, "I'll give him what he gave my brother."

His brother was killed at sea by the Germans.

His sweetheart, a nurse, had been a passenger in the ship, but, at their last port of call, he had made her leave to continue her journey on land.

Hail Of Bullets

George Anderson, standing at the gun, understood, and handed over to Laurie Halcrow.

It was not until machine-gun bullets began to spatter over the ship that her crew realised that two Nazi seaplanes were about.

The ship's machine-guns were manned, and soon George Anderson scored a direct hit bringing one of the planes down in the sea. The plane caught fire and there was a terrific blaze from burning oil and petrol.

Then there was a forty-minute battle against the remaining plane, which repeatedly dived over the ship with machine-guns blazing.

It was during this time that Laurie Halcrow "had a shot"—and succeeded.

A bullet struck George Anderson's steel helmet and another grazed his upper lip. Another member of the crew found that a bullet had gone through the two lapels of his jacket.

The ship had been zigzagging at full speed throughout the attack.

The Highlander, built in 1916, is owned by the North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., and the attack on her is described in this Admiralty communique issued:—

"One of our convoys in the North Sea was repeatedly attacked by German aircraft yesterday afternoon. No damage was done to any of the ships in convoy or to the escorting warships.

"One of the escorting vessels, H.M.S. Weston (Lieut.-Commander S. C. Tuke, R. N.), shot down one of the enemy aircraft. There were no casualties in H.M.S. Weston.

"In another part of the North Sea s.s. Highlander (Captain Gifford) was twice attacked by enemy aircraft last night. In the first attack the enemy aircraft dropped bombs which missed and then raked the ship with machine-gun fire.

"While doing so the German aircraft was hit by the defensive armament of the Highlander and was seen to crash into the sea in flames 100 yards astern of the ship.

"Two minutes later the steamship Highlander was attacked by another German aircraft. Again the bombs missed. As the aircraft circled to renew the attack, it was hit, causing it to lose height.

"The port wing of the aircraft struck the port lifeboat at the davits. This swung the machine around and it crashed on to the poop.

"This morning the steamship Highlander steamed into harbour with the wreckage of the German aircraft on her poop. The only casualties sustained in the steamship Highlander were two men wounded."

'Emigrated' Man Is Still Interned

The case of Hans Alec Rosenfelder, interned Nuremberg man mentioned in the House of Commons becomes even more puzzling.

Colonel Wedgwood, Socialist member for Newcastle-under-Lyme, told M.P.s that Hans had written to him to say he had been emigrated to Australia.

But Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, told the House that Hans was being released to join the British Army.

Hans's young English wife phoned the camp commandant in the Isle of Man. "He told me that Hans is still interned, and quite well," she said afterwards. "No authority for his release has yet been received."

The Home Office could not solve the puzzle-inquiries about individual internees are not answered. The machine must have time to work.

But the girl Hans married, Ivy Samuel, a vivacious brunette who claims distant relationship to Lord Samuel, is still anxious.

FIRST TIME UP—GOT NAZI

CIVIL AIR VETERAN STEPS INTO A FIGHT

A FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT FROM TIPPERARY, WHO HAD BEEN FLYING BOMBERS FOR MONTHS, JOINED A FIGHTER COMMAND SQUADRON FOR THE FIRST TIME.

For the first time he waited in the early morning beside a Hurricane, wondering if there would be a real job to do before breakfast.

This was the day of the great air battle over Dover Harbour, when 21 German fighters and bombers were destroyed. Well, there WAS a job to do before breakfast. The man from Tipperary stepped right into the fight.

He had been flying since 1929 as an Airways pilot—he had 5,000 flying hours to his credit. He had been flying a bomber for months.

But here was something new, for he had never met an enemy in the air. And here are his own words, spoken on the radio recently when he called himself "the luckiest pilot in the Command":

"Suddenly we received the alarm. Enemy bombers were over the Channel. We simply raced to our aircraft, and took the air to the wail of the sirens.

"I was excited, of course. It was a strange experience to find myself going out on my first action against the enemy.

"Would I be frightened? Would I want to go home? I genuinely wondered.

"When we were at 8,000ft. we made a turn and saw the German aircraft.

"There were 30 or 40 Junker 87's, in threes, about to dive down and bomb four ships in Dover Harbour.

"I watched their bombs falling when they got down to 2,000 feet, and I saw them exploding in the water round the ships.

"Somewhere above were the escorting Messerschmitts. They were being looked after by a squadron of Spitfires, so we had the bombers pretty well to ourselves.

In Flames

"I saw a Junkers 87 being chased by six Hurricanes, and felt like cheering when I saw the bomber go down in flames.

"Immediately afterwards another Junkers flew right across my bows. I hared after him for all I was worth.

"I got him in my gun sights and let him have it. When I stopped firing he was covering my entire windscreen, only 50 yards away.

"I stopped firing because he blew up.

"Both his petrol tanks exploded at the same moment, and I had to dive away sharply to avoid being hit by the fragments.

"Then, below me, I saw three Junkers 87's tearing off for home. They were only about 30ft. above the surface of the water.

Hit Two More

"I attacked them in turn, chasing them about a dozen miles out to sea.

"I gave the first one a good burst, and I know I hit him.

"Then I blazed away at the second and hit him before turning back.

"From the moment we took off to the moment we landed exactly 30 minutes had elapsed, though I suppose the fight itself did not last more than five minutes.

"After that we had breakfast.

"I don't think I've ever had a more enjoyable few minutes in the air."

ONE OPENS AS NEIGHBOUR CLOSES

NIGHT CLUB CLEAN-UP IS BEING DEFEATED

TWO more night clubs in the heart of London's play ground were closed by the police during a recent week end.

And the people who were turned away from them were met outside by touts and taken to new clubs that were just opening for the first night 100 yards away.

This is how the police drive to clean up London's night life under the Defence Regulations is being defeated. The audacity of the promoters of the new clubs is amazing.

Within 48 hours of bottle parties and clubs being closed since the drive started some weeks ago, new clubs have opened nearby, or even in the same building under a different name.

The police drive is directed particularly against bottle parties.

One reason is the fear that some Service men on leave may be persuaded to talk indiscreetly under the influence of drink in the comparative privacy of a bottle party.

Cloak For Spies

Some of London's biggest and most reputable bottle parties have been closed purely on these grounds.

The police had no complaint against the way they were conducted, but feared that they provided too good a cloak for German agents, particularly girl spies.

The profiteers of the underworld are reaping a rich harvest from the Service men, who are often turned adrift at night.

Since the police started to close the bottle parties at least ten new near-beer dens have sprung up.

A group of touts attached to them works Piccadilly-circus.

Big Game

Overseas and naval men are the "big game" because they have most money to spend.

The beer, sold in the dens as "bitter," light or dark "ale," or "stout," is mostly the non-alcoholic "hop" ale type sold in sweet shops for a few pence a quart bottle.

The night clubs sell it for 1s. a half-pint glass.

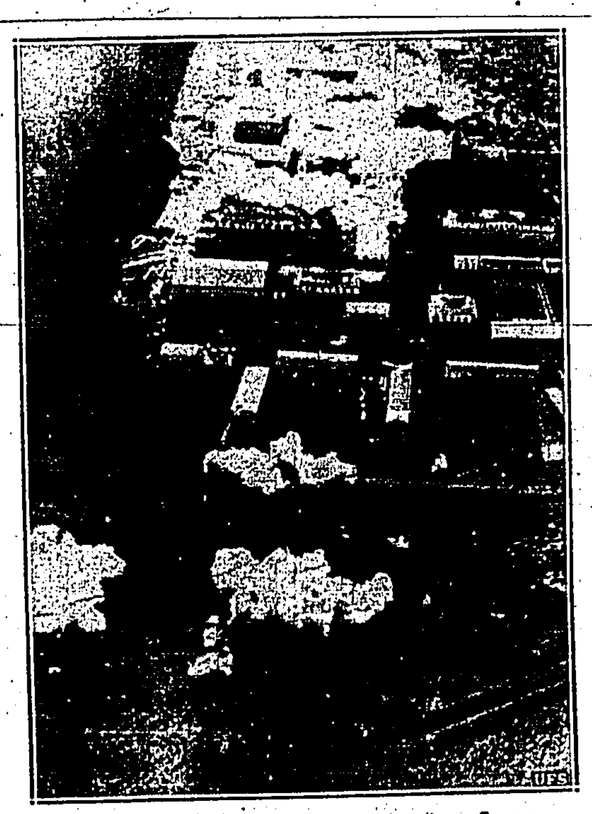
The "hostesses" drink nothing but cocktails, tiny glasses of green or red coloured water with a cherry stick in it. They cost 2s. 6d.

In one club four Canadians joined four "hostesses." A round for drinks cost 14s.; there was a tip to a disengaged "hostess" acting as waitress, and extra high prices were charged for cigarettes.

The girls drank up their drinks at a gulp and asked for more. The Canadians spent £5 in less than half an hour.

The police cannot touch these dens, for they do not actually break the law by selling alcohol.

To run a gold-digging den for the purpose of robbing our fighting men is not illegal!



ITALIANS RAIDED—White puffs resembling huge flowers are British bombs bursting on Asmara aerodrome, Italian air base in North Africa, as Royal Air Force fliers make several direct hits.

His Was A 'Veteran's' Bravery

THIRTY-FOUR is a veteran age for an R.A.F. pilot. There are not many pilots as old as that flying over enemy territory on bombing raids. Squadron Leader Charles George Lott is an exception.

And he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Air Ministry announced. He already held the D.F.C.

His was an extraordinary feat of endurance. His section of Hurricanes attacked a flight of Messerschmitt 110s in filthy weather. His plane was badly hit and he was shot in the eye. Somehow he retained consciousness, pressed on with his attack, and then turned for home.

Though in agony, he got to within three miles of his base before his machine gave out. He had to make a parachute jump. Then he lost consciousness.

Lost An Eye

Lott has since lost an eye and has probably ended his flying career. He will be very sad about that. For in the official record of his award it is said that he "displayed an intense desire to engage the enemy."

He is a Portsmouth boy who is an example to all boys who have joined the R.A.F. He enlisted in 1922 as a boy entrant and became an aircraft apprentice two years later.

Four years of hard work and study and he became a sergeant pilot. Five years later he was commissioned and became a flight lieutenant by 1930.

When the war began he was too good a pilot to put on the shelf, so they made him a squadron leader. He has led many patrols over Dunkirk, Amiens and Abbeville, and has shot down at least three enemy planes himself.

There is room for plenty of Charles Lotts in the R.A.F.

NORWAY'S PHANTOM WARSHIP

NAZI SHIPS SUNK

Stockholm, Sept. 4.

Information from Norway confirms earlier reports alleging the difficulties and dangers of coastal traffic. Indeed, independent and trustworthy sources show that British naval and air activity are making German navigation very precarious on the entire coast from Sweden to Finland.

During the week between August 18 and 26 six merchantmen were destroyed outside Oslo, including a tanker of about 10,000 tons, which was sunk within Oslo's inner fjord.

Oil covered the surface thickly for many square miles and all traffic was closed for two days after the tanker's sinking.

This is noteworthy as the Germans had just pronounced that their new precautions were complete and they had raised the total ban on navigation which a few weeks earlier had been introduced for a few hours every Wednesday night, presumably to rearrange the harbours' water defences.

On several sections of the coast between Trondheim and Tromso a number of bodies have been washed up, causing the local authorities embarrassment for over a fortnight during which they have been collected by the hundred.

The bodies are mostly in German uniforms, and are believed to be from troopships which were transferring men and materials to and from the Narvik sector. Some observers think that this is due chiefly to the activities of British submarines.

The popular belief is that it is the Norwegian torpedo-boat Sleipner which is busy again. Tales of the Sleipner's alleged exploits a few months ago struck the popular imagination in Norway, and soon persons believed anything about this phantom Norwegian warship which is thought to dodge up and down among the islands striking at German victims, chiefly at night.

According to a fresh message from Oslo, dwellers near the water declare that they heard frequent detonations during last week-end from the fjord, which, it is thought, indicate that German navigation difficulties continue there, and that more craft have been sunk.

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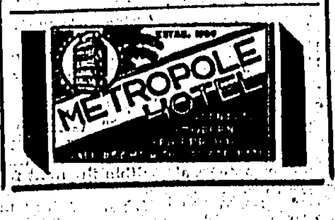
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Straits and United-Kingdom.
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Parcels, ...Oct. 23, 5.00 p.m.
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Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
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Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, ...10.30 a.m.
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K.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
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Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
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Parcels Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
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Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
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Ord. Oct. 28, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
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Tuesday, Oct. 29
Sandakan. 8.30 a.m.
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G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels ...Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.
Letters Oct. 29 Noon.
Bangkok, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi 1.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
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The Fifth Column

② They learned it in Spain

Col. William J. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer

This is the second of the sensational articles made public by U. S. A.'s. Secretary Knox of the Navy Department at Washington, as part of the national defence programme.

When all allowance has been made for Hitler's superior armies, his resourcefulness, his daring, and the vital assistance by Germans living within the victim countries, his success can only be explained by another factor. This is nothing less than the presence among his enemies of what, since the Spanish Civil War, has been known as the "fifth column."

Since no country has ever been unanimous, a "fifth column" has existed potentially in every land in every war. But the despotic or totalitarian countries ruthlessly suppress it at home while exploiting it elsewhere.

It is in a democracy that the "fifth column" can function most freely and effectively. It remained for Adolf Hitler's genius to raise the creation, strengthening, organisation and activity of the "fifth column" in the countries that opposed him to a decisive weapon.

"We need armies. But we shall not use them as in 1914. The place of artillery will in the future be taken by revolutionary propaganda, to break down the enemy psychologically before the armies begin to function at all.

The enemy people must be demoralised and ready to capitulate before military action can even be thought of . . . mental confusion, indecisiveness, panic, these are our weapons. The history of revolutions . . . is always the same: The ruling classes capitulate. Why? Defeatism: They no longer have the will to conquer."

The propaganda machine for creating and sustaining a "fifth column,"—again according to Hitler's confessed theory—is of a double nature.

No one side it aims at influencing the masses. For this purpose Hitler in the present war utilises his radio traitors. Lord Haw Haw for the English, Ferdonnet for the French, and to some extent, particularly in the last two years, communist agitators whom he tricked or corrupted into serving him. But for the classes he had a much more subtle bait. As he himself put it:

"The results at which I aim are only to be obtained by the systematic corruption of the possessing and governing classes. Business advantages, erotic satisfactions and ambition, are the three main stops in our propaganda organ."

How did this work in the various countries?

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In the bloodless conquest of Austria, "fifth column" Austrian leaders like Seyss-Inquart, dupes like Guido Schmidt, played a decisive part.

While the discontent of the masses was whipped up to enthusiasm in favour of Nazi Germany, agents like Franz von Papen skilfully convinced leading Austrians that only through Hitler could their secret aspirations be fulfilled.

The Slovaks, who had suffered their bondage under Hungary, could be duped. But Czechs and Poles could not. Both peoples had lived far too long cheek to jowl with Prussians to have the slightest doubt as to Hitler's real intentions.

There was no strong "fifth column" among the Czechs and Poles; a few Czech agrarians, the former Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck. The Czechs were finally conquered by French betrayal, the Poles by the armed might of a nation three or four times as strong.

To see the "fifth column" in full swing one had to wait for the attack on democratic countries.

In Norway there is little doubt but that "fifth column" activities contributed to the success of the German blitz attack and were responsible for the quick collapse of all organised resistance.

Major and former National Defence Minister Quisling had been, if not actually in the pay of German Nazis, at least in close contact with them for years.

His success in stabbing Norway in the back can be traced (A) to the fear of Socialism carefully fostered among leading Norwegians by Nazi propaganda and (B) to the fact that numerous appointments to high army commands had been made by Quisling's intimate friend.

There is some season to believe that the electrically controlled mines guarding the inner harbour of Oslo were put out of action by another highly placed Norwegian traitor.

In view of the efficiency of relatively weak coastal defences, it is safe to say that without "fifth column" activity in Norway, the Norwegian resistance would have lasted several days and the invasion conceivably failed altogether.

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In Holland the "fifth column" was more numerous than effective. This was doubtless due to its open character. The five odd per cent. of all Dutchmen organised in Mussert's Dutch National Socialist Party for years provided the Nazis with military and economic information.

But the Dutch Government had little enough to conceal. The Dutch National Socialists did what they could do to welcome, assist and succour the invading German parachutists and air-borne infantry, and somewhat halfheartedly took part in the German attacks upon the Dutch police and army. But of themselves they were relatively ineffective.

In Belgium, without the shadow of a doubt, Flemings loyal to Hitler betrayed the main defences of the Albert Canal and opened not only their country, but Holland as well, to German invasion.

An eyewitness, the wife of a patriotic Belgian customs authority stationed on the Dutch frontier nearby, reported how Flemish soldiers deliberately neglected to blow the bridges over the canal which had been constructed primarily as a barrier to invasion.

Others took to their heels at the sight of the first German. In all the towns, pro-German Flemings and Rexists of Degrelle spread stories of the uselessness of the war, the strength of Germany and the futility of resistance.

Others threw the villages into panic, creating hordes of refugees whose presence on the roads southward slowed and even prevented the advance of the French and British Armies that were coming to Belgium's assistance.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"No, no, dear that thermometer is just to test the temperature of the WATER!"

HEROES OF "THE BUMPER TRIP"

By A. J. McWhinnie

THE convoy boys who run Hitler's gauntlet in the Channel little more than a dozen miles from his long-range guns call it "the bumper trip."

And when their ships are safely through the multiple perils of the narrow Straits of Dover, they say, "It's still the *English* Channel."

I'd back the daring, the coolness, the courage of the convoy boys against any heroes in the world.

I've done "the bumper trip." I've seen our sailors—both R.N. and Merchant Navy—accepting 1,000 miles an hour shells from the shore batteries, bombing, Nazi mines, E-boats and U-boats as just part of the day's work, though they are on the most dangerous run in the world.

But it needs more than daring to keep the waterways of the English Channel safely open, in spite of all Hitler's tricks.

The daring men must have the latest weapons. And behind it all must be careful planning.

All-Weapon Convoy

There was a special significance about that convoy which beat Germany's guns, bombers, mines, E-boats and U-boats the other day.

It was one of our "all-weapon convoys"—ready for anything.

And the whole world knows now that our all-weapon convoy get through.

Not a word leaked out about the nature of this convoy. I was pledged to secrecy with everybody else. I could not even telephone my news editor and tell him that I was sailing on "the bumper trip."

He only knew I was at sea. He didn't know I was in the shelled and bombed convoy until my story was coming through over the phone after we had reached port.

Before we sailed, the crews of the warships escorting the convoy were addressed by their captains.

They were told that they were doing "the bumper trip" under special circumstances and that they would be at "action stations" right through the run.

We know our ships can get through the Channel under cover of darkness. But that is not sufficient.

The convoys must get through in broad daylight, under clear skies, facing every weapon of the enemy with an effective antidote. And that is just what they are doing. I saw them do it. I sailed with them.

We expected those long-range guns on the French coast to roar their shells at us. Up on the bridge of an escort vessel they were taking bearings of the flashes which revealed the situation of the shore batteries.

Then our bombers went out to deal with that side of the business.

New Defences

Meanwhile, our warships were trying out a new smoke screen development. We're well pleased with the result under its first baptism of fire.

We have the measure, now, of the enemy's dive-bombing tactics. Only by dive-bombing can they be reasonably certain of scoring direct hits.

So our convoys are now protected against dive-bombing attacks. Each convoy carries kites on "the bumper trip." They are the barrage balloons of the sea.

Then there are the all-purpose guns of the destroyers—the big guns—and there are the pom-poms, as well as the Lewis guns which are also carried in every ship in the convoy—from cargo liners down to little, grimy colliers.

The Spitfires and the Hurricanes are quick off the mark whenever the enemy gets after our convoy ships. They proved it when shelling gave way to bombing on this trip. And they are still proving it now.

Those E-Boats

So much for the attack from the air.

You hear a lot about E-boats. The E. stands simply for enemy motor-torpedo boats. We've got the measure of those, too. Our destroyers and our own M.T.B.s have got their answer ready for signal, "Prepare to repel enemy M.T.B. attack."

And more than once in the past few weeks they have given the answer.

Then U-boats. It wouldn't surprise the Royal Navy at all if there is a sudden wave of U-boats playing a part in Hitler's fight for supremacy in the Channel.

We have the secret Asdic apparatus carried by the escorting warships.

And what the Asdic picks up in the way of U-boats our depth charges can blow to smithereens beneath the sea.

Every ship in convoy these days has been degaussed against magnetic mines. Contact and floating mines we deal with by rifle fire and bullets from our machine-guns. We dealt with six when I was on "the bumper trip."

Then there are other secret answers to Germany's new weapons. In addition, there are secret weapons of our own.

And for whatever Hitler thinks up next our scientific and engineering experts will have the job of finding an antidote.

The Antidote

After the speed with which we were able to smash his theory that his magnetic mines were invincible, there is not the slightest reason for swerving from the essential fact of every war—that whatever new weapons emerge there will always be an antidote.

The escort vessel from which I saw all the Channel battle is one of our crack warships. There are very few parts of the ship where there isn't something which is on the "hush-hush" list.

What a difference from the earlier stages of the war at sea. Then, as in other phases of the struggle against aggression, we weren't ready.

But the scientists, the inventors, the engineers, the shipyard workers and the skilled craftsmen have been "going to it."

They are the unknown men behind "the bumper trip."

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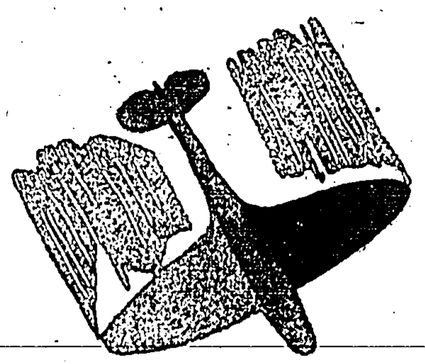
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DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

A GALLUP Poll at the present time to discover the most unpopular—and, let it be said the least envied—institution in Hongkong would almost assuredly give first place to the Evacuation Advisory Committee. Its original task of issuing evacuation orders has been invidious; its second job of turning down appeals distasteful.

By and large the committee has tackled its work well and has clearly attempted to remain consistent to the principle of—"exceptional—circumstances merit exceptional treatment." That it has not, perhaps, entirely succeeded in this aim can be set down as regrettable but not damning. Chief difficulty confronting the committee has been that all the appellants, *ipso facto*, are convinced that their cases are exceptional, but it has been made abundantly clear from the testimonies given that very few indeed really come under this heading, providing, of course the evacuation itself is not considered as exceptional. Close reading of the appeals heard to date convinces that in the main the decisions have been fair and reasonable. A somewhat too strict interpretation of the terms of reference might have been made in one or two cases, notably where an appeal has been made for the temporary return of people for the purpose of re-embarking for Australia.

We do confess, however, to feeling a strong twinge of doubt concerning the precedent created yesterday when permission was given for a woman to return to the Colony for the purpose of conducting her husband's business. The circumstances appear to be more unfortunate than exceptional, and the danger of the committee's decision is in the implication that while personal interests must go to the wall, business considerations are to be pandered.

The necessity of Hongkong doing its utmost to carry on its commerce and industry during these trying times cannot be over-emphasised; but we have yet to be convinced that it is necessary to recall evacuated women for this purpose, especially in view of the overloaded unemployment market which exists here. There are literally dozens of well educated, intelligent, and eager young Chinese in the Colony who would jump at the opportunity of filling these vacancies. This is the time to offer them the chance of proving their abilities, and it would make some contribution, however small, to alleviating our unemployment problem.

Open Letter to Lord Halifax

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones
(Vicar of Denton, Manchester).

"You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?"

MY LORD,—People have been saying sarcastic things about your speeches, and have dubbed them "platitudinous sermons." I am not going to join in that criticism.

I am glad that you have had the courage at least to try to lift this conflict on to the plane of ideals.

Nation after nation has gone down because its people have had no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish.

You are one of the few statesmen who have tried to give the people of this country an ideal worth fighting for. If there is criticism in this letter, my Lord, I mean it to be constructive, not carping.

You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?

PAGAN HORROR

I know that you, like your father before you, are an Anglo-Catholic. You cannot, of course, mean that we are fighting for Anglo-Catholicism, or, indeed, for any kind of "ism."

If so, the sooner we capitulate the better.

You must mean by Christianity, a way of life, and when you oppose it to Nazism you mean we are fighting for a particular method of organising our national life, and you call it Christianity.

Nazism is a way of organising national life; it is a brutal way, a slave way, a pagan way. Over against that you set up our method—the way of love, of freedom, fellowship, justice and brotherliness. You call it Christianity.

Now, my Lord, will you answer this question? Do you think that our country in the past has been organised on Christian principles?

Before this pagan horror called Nazism arose, was Britain the embodiment of Christian principles?

Take your mind back to 1927. There were nearly two million unemployed. Was that Christianity? Are we fighting to get that back?

When I was a curate in Durham there were hundreds of my people whose homes were one room. They were miners, mostly out of work.

Rearing their heads above these slums were the sumptuous houses of the deans and dignitaries of the Cathedral.

Burned upon my mind is a picture of a little child asleep in a bed with a corpse, and in the same room a man with four other children eating a frugal meal.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, that shipload of oranges from Spain which, just before the war, was emptied into the sea off Liverpool to keep up prices?

On that sultry summer day there were children in Lancashire to whom oranges were an unattainable luxury.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, Sir John Orr's report, just before the war, on "Food, Health and Income"? That report proved by irrefutable figures that millions of British children were seriously underfed.

My Lord—Is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

If we are fighting for Christianity, let us tell the people exactly what we mean by Christianity.

In the midst of war, we must not try to fob people off with vacuous words. Official Christianity has tried to do that, and has turned a blind eye to the social demands of Jesus.

He once went to dinner with some people, my Lord, of your class. He could not endure it when He saw them scrambling for the best seats, and ignoring the hungry crowds.

He turned on them with flaming words of anger.

JUSTICE & FREEDOM

One of the well-to-do spoke unctuously about heaven, and of the glory above the sky. Jesus would have none of it.

His concern was with humanity here and now.

Tell the people that, when you say we are fighting for Christianity, you are not thinking so much of the making of prayers and the making of creeds, but of the making of a New Britain.

Tell them that by Christianity you mean first justice for all, so that none of God's children shall ever again be exploited or treated as a mere tool for another man's gain.

Tell them that Christianity stands for freedom—freedom not only from foreign tyrants but from anxiety and worry and poverty and unemployment.

Tell them that Christianity stands for true human brotherhood, in family, in group, in nation, and finally among the whole body of nations.

Those are the demands which are implied in Christianity, and they have not been conspicuous in the Britain of the last twenty years.

Your Lordship may say that is not the time for such talk. We are too busy winning the war to think of what sort of world shall emerge after the war.

There will be no winning of the war, my Lord, unless the people who are fighting this war know exactly what they are fighting for.

Men with ideals make the best soldiers. Cromwell proclaimed that.

"NEVER AGAIN"

People of this generation have been "sold a pup" once before like that. They were told to win the Great War first, and talk of aims afterwards.

They were hypnotised by vague talk of "homes for heroes," while all the time their rulers were making secret treaties which pinned the people down for another decade to the old evils of the old bad pre-war world.

We want to know that that shall never happen again.

Will you broadcast again, my Lord, and will you tell your listeners that over against the Fascist and Nazi system which is trying to drive the world back to barbarism by perpetuating the class slavery of the servile poor, we are fighting for Christianity?

Then tell them what Christianity means; no more unemployment, no longer the motive of private gain, but service for the good of the community.

Tell them it means pity, mercy, kindness, love and the interpretation of these glad virtues in every detail of public life.

Tell them, in a word, that Christianity means loving God with all our heart—and that means loving the good within humanity—and the setting forth of that Divine Love, by loving man with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

That is an ideal worth fighting for, but even as we fight we want to know that it is guaranteed, and our fight will be short, sharp, impassioned and victorious.

You understand, I am sure, what I mean.

We within the Churches have allowed people to imagine, when we talk of Christianity, that it is wholly to do with worship and hymn-singing, and some sort of perpetual harp-accompanied worship in heaven. We know that that is wrong.

THE GREAT IDEAL

Christianity stands for social justice. Hitler knows that. For that very reason he persecutes the Church, and the Jews, who gave us the Bible.

He is fighting against Christianity, and he has enough sense to know that Christianity rightly applied, means the end of all the beastly horrors for which he stands.

Germany persecutes the Church because it is—or might be—the breeding ground of equality and brotherhood.

But there is another danger, the danger of trying to turn Christianity into other-worldliness.

Russia has persecuted religion because the Churches of Russia had set forth a Christianity which was not brotherly enough, which was a drug, an opiate.

Let the people see, my Lord, that we are out for the genuine article when we speak of Christianity.

We want to see the type of Christianity which Hitler hates firmly established in this land.

When the clergy, of whom I am one, set forth the pure, life-transforming religion of Jesus, and when the ruling classes, whom you represent, make it clear that they are not going to rest until that pure ideal is established here, our people will fight not merely with the weapons of the flesh, but with those mightier weapons of the Spirit, which are invincible.

And the victory will be won.

ROOSEVELT AND WILLKIE

By Julius C. Edelstein
United Press Staff Correspondent

The National presidential campaign, suffering somewhat from lack of attention because of the crashing of bombs in Europe, has gotten underway, with President Roosevelt given a slightly better chance to win than Wendell Willkie, his colourful Republican opponent.

Wagers made by professional betters listed Roosevelt as an 8 to 5 favourite, as the September campaign opened. The heavy odds are explained as discounting the initial burst of popular enthusiasm which greeted Willkie's entrance into the political arena.

Political observers generally agree, however, that there is more uncertainty in the forthcoming campaign than in any political race of the last decade, and that the battle on the Thames may well decide the outcome of the United States presidential election in November.

Political experts believe, however, that Britain's vigorous resistance to the German air onslaught through the months following the French collapse have measurably improved Roosevelt's election prospects, or at least, have eliminated some of the uncertain factors.

Many observers believed that if Britain collapsed, or negotiated an unfavourable peace with Germany before the early Autumn, a reaction would set in throughout the United States which might help to unseat the present administration.

The British resistance has given no opportunity for the growth of what the President has called the "appeasement spirit" in the United States.

The Republican candidate, however, has rebuked every suggestion or intimation that he represents the philosophy of appeasement. He has pledged himself to wage an economic battle against Hitler, and to defeat him "on our own terms," if elected.

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Despite the optimism of Democratic leaders, there is no concealment of the fact that a vast unrest prevails throughout the nation, which will undoubtedly be translated into many more votes for Willkie than Republican candidate Alf. M. Landon got in 1936.

A large unemployment persists, despite billions of dollars which the Roosevelt Administration has spent to "prime the pump" of industry.

Big business and a considerable portion of little business is completely antagonistic to that portion of the New Deal's social reforms which have placed new burdens and restrictions on their particular enterprises.

The war has also caused a split among many of Roosevelt's liberal and independent followers. Some of them, formerly among his most enthusiastic advocates, have turned cool because of his pro-British foreign policy which they assert is leading the United States toward war.

John L. Lewis, Congress of Industrial Organisation leader and a figure in the ranks of organised labour, has repeatedly criticised many of Roosevelt's defence policies, and especially the policy of compulsory military training. It is highly doubtful whether Lewis would be able to swing any considerable organised labour support to Willkie, but the disaffection is bound to weaken Roosevelt's support.

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Some liberal intellectuals have swung over to Willkie on the grounds that the preservation of the two-term tradition was more important than either the continuation of the New Deal, or the guidance of experience in the present world crisis.

Willkie has, in the preliminary stages, waged an intelligent campaign according to the most impartial judgments. He has made the most of his advantages, and has jabbed incessantly at weak points in the Roosevelt armour.

He has stood unequivocally for aid to Britain, and support of all measures for national defence, both of which he believes are widely popular. He has aimed his chief appeal at independent and middle-of-the-road voters, counting as already won the extremely conservative votes.

He has been pleasantly informal in his contacts with the press, and friendly and amiable in his associations with politicians.

By spending most of his time in the interior of the country he has sought to shake the accusation that he is a Wall Street lawyer, and a New York corporation spokesman.

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Despite all these political moves, Roosevelt appears at present to have a decided advantage. He still has the loyalty of the large bulk of youths, Jewish groups, Negroes, anti-Nazis, and tenant farmers.

America Registers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UP).—Major provisions of the Conscription Bill passed by the Senate are:

Who Must Register And How

With few exceptions, all men who have passed their 21st birthday and have not reached their 31st birthday, must register. This applies to citizens and aliens alike; but aliens will not be subject to draft unless they have declared their intention to become U.S. citizens. The fact that a person has dependents does not exempt him from registration.

Election officials throughout the land will conduct the registration, probably 14 days after final enactment of the bill. It is estimated that 12,000,000 men must register.

Exemptions From Registration

Specifically exempt from registration are active, reserve and cadet members of the Army, National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; members of the Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service; officials, but not employees, of the Federal and State Governments.

Who Will Be Drafted

The bill permits 900,000 conscripts to be in training at any one time. About 400,000 probably will be drafted this autumn. A lottery will determine the order in which men will be called before local draft boards throughout the country for determination whether they should be inducted into the army.

The bill gives the President broad powers to lay down regulations for the boards to follow in deciding whom to select. The Army says it does not intend to take any men who have dependents or who are employed in essential industrial or agricultural pursuits. College students probably will not be drafted. The bill exempts divinity students for service. Physical fitness of course will be considered.

The Army estimates that after deferments for these reasons there will be about 4,500,000 able-bodied, single men from whom to select. Each state and locality will be given a quota in proportion to the total manpower it registers. In brief, those to be drafted will be mostly single men with unimportant jobs or no jobs.

Appeals

Boards will be set up to hear appeals from men who wish to contest their selection by the local draft boards.

Penalties

To evade the draft, and assist anyone to do so, would be punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and $10,000 fine, or both. The cases would be heard in the Federal courts rather than by military courts, which decided world war draft cases.

Length Of Service

The one year period could be extended indefinitely if the country became engaged in war or Congress declared the national interest was imperilled. Conscripts would become members of the reserves after completing their year of active duty. Almost all the conscripts will be taken into the army; the navy may take a few later.

Conscientious Objectors

Exempted from military service, if they can prove to the Department of Justice that their objections are based on legitimate religious scruples. The President could assign such objectors, however, to non-combatant service.

Pay

For the first four months of their year's training, draftees would receive $21 a month. For the next eight, they would receive $30, unless they won promotion to higher grades at slightly higher pay. The original bill provided pay of $5 a month.

Use of Conscripts

Permitted only in the Western Hemisphere, the United States, its territories and possessions, including the Philippine Islands. The provision was inserted to prevent the dispatch of a conscript army to Europe.

Job Protection

Conscripts on the Federal Government's payroll would be guaranteed the return of their jobs without loss of seniority. Congress expresses its desire that state and local governmental subdivisions follow suit. Private employers would be required to rehire conscripts, unless it is impossible or unreasonable for them to do so. Draftees denied re-employment could appeal to Federal Court for a judicial ruling.

Debt Protection

The bill provides a moratorium on tax and insurance charges for which draftees are liable until after their training period.

Joseph P. Kennedy's Farewell Message

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter.)—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador in London, left for Lisbon to-day. From there he will take the clipper for America.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy, he said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was the inspection of a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in the grounds of his country house, where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Mr. Beverley Baxter.

Mr. Baxter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family, he captured the imagination of the British public. Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

Remained U.S. Envoy

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home, he did not play the role we had perhaps rather foolishly expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one. The result was that his popularity underwent a slump, but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back. It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring: He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth.

American Protest Answered

Bahrein Island Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"In bombing oil properties on Bahrein Island, Italy is exercising the right of war" is the comment made in authorised Rome circles to-day on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against alleged bombing of American-owned oil properties.

The Italian view is said to be that firstly, Bahrein Island, being a British protectorate, the companies exploiting oil there are juridically British; secondly, "England, thanks to the Treaty concluded with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island."

THE NEW ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The war can never be won without a military decision in the east or the west or on both fronts, and that is why we are building up a great army," said Lord Croft, Under Secretary of War, in London to-day.

"It must be an army of superior efficiency. If the army is a happy family there will be no Maginot complex."

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day had a slow session, and although there was generally an easier disposition there were no signs of selling.

Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

GEORGE MEDALS

Air Raid Warden's Courage

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden, who although wounded in an air raid struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal, it is announced in the "London Gazette."

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman, to members of the Bristol and Cardiff Fire Brigades and Auxiliary Fire Services and to the Chief Officer of the Milford-Haven Fire Brigade.

The medal of the Order of the British Empire is awarded to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and to a member of the Newport Fire Brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during a very serious fire started by an air attack. While it was being fought, there were air raids day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed.

French Envoy Interviewed

After Talk With Welles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—On leaving Mr. Sumner Welles' office after a talk, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting reporters that he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said that the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made warplanes which the French aircraft carrier, Bearn, has taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed, but if he said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much."

New A.D.C.-General To The King

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—A new honour for British Army leaders is announced by the War Office to-night in the form of following appointments as Aides-de-Camp General to the King.

General Viscount Gort with effect from July 20 in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson with effect from June 8 in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew who has retired from the active list.

General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1 in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list.

Evacuation Tribunal

Mrs. D. G. Frost writes to point out that we erroneously reported that she appeared before the Evacuation Tribunal yesterday for exemption, whereas it was to advise the Tribunal that she had written to the Secretary of State for the Colonies putting her case before him and that she would remain in Hongkong until she had received a reply from him. We are sorry if our report created any misunderstanding.

Free France Generals Meet In Africa

DUALA, Cameroons, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, the capital of the Cameroons, and at Fort Lamy, the capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population, local chiefs often coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving movement of the whole tour was the meeting at the Governor's Headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Georges Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who came specially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and to bring new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again and General de Gaulle is back at Duala.

Socialist Manifesto

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The Socialists of France are convinced that England fights alone to defend the freedom of the entire world against the monstrous attempt to enslave it made by Hitler and Mussolini. They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party, which has just reached here.

Berlin Comment

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France is described by political circles in Berlin to-day as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally."

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without a chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction."

Weygand at Fez

Vichy, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Weygand flew to Fez yesterday to review troops of the local garrison, states the Vichy radio.



SEEKING SAFETY—British nurses carrying babies to safety after Hitler's night raiders razed part of children's hospital, in London. Babies seem cheerful despite bandages.

Labour Party Demands On Australian Premier

CANBERRA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Complete overhaul of Australian war and home defence administrations and an increase in soldiers' pay are among the demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are outlined in a letter handed to Mr. R. G. Menzies, Premier, by Mr. John Curtin, Labour leader, at the conference of Party managers which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session this morning. There was another meeting later to hear Mr. Menzies' reply to the Labour demands.

Death Of Mr. A. B. Stewart

Former Partner Of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Ltd.

The news was received by cable this morning of the death in London of Mr. A. B. Stewart, a partner of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Mr. Stewart, who was 52 years of age, had been suffering from a long illness.

The late Mr. Stewart, who was very well known in Hongkong, came East from Scotland in 1910. He spent five years with his firm in Tientsin before being transferred to the Colony, where he remained, but for one year in Shanghai, until 1935. He became a partner of the firm in that year, and proceeding Home, looked after the interests of the firm in England until 1939 when he retired to live in Rickmansworth, Herts.

Colony Golf Champion

Golf was Mr. Stewart's main recreation, and he was one of the leading players in this part of the world, winning the local Championship several times.

During his 20 years in Hongkong, Mr. Stewart maintained varied interests in both the commercial and social spheres. He was a Director of several local Companies, including the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Peak Tramways, Ltd.

Mr. Stewart's wife and two children survive him. They are at present resident in London.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

Small buyers were accommodated at slightly advanced prices.

Buyer

Union Ins. $385
Douglases $125
Docks (old) $15.75
Providents $4.50
Hotels $3.20
Lands $31.25
Realties $3.30
Trams $15.75
Electrics (old) $36.50
Electrics (new) $36.10
Telephones (old) $23.50
Telephones (new) $9.50
Cements $16
Ropes $6.20
Dairy Farms $17
Watsons $8.00

Sellers

H.K. Fire Ins. $150
Hotels $3.40
Ropes $6.50
Dairy Farms $17.50
Vibro Piling $8

Sales

Canton Ins. $175
Providents $4.50
Lands $30.75/80
Trams $16

CANADIAN NAVY GROWING

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Six more large steam-driven minesweepers costing £120,000 each, have been ordered for the Royal Canadian Navy, says the Canadian Minister of Munitions, Mr. C. D. Howe.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 minesweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.

Polish Patriot Dead

Nazi Torture Alleged

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, Maciej Rataj, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago, but news has only just become known.

The official German version is "Death from heart failure," but according to London Polish circles he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political Party, the Radical Peasants' Party.

Earl Of Athlone Back In Canada

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the latter returned from his week-end visit to President Roosevelt's Hyde Park residence.

It is not custom that any vice-regal statement be made but it is understood that the visit was most satisfactory and pleasant in every way.

Village Starts A "Comfort Service"

Help For Nervous Neighbours

Women in the Sussex village of Westham have started a new kind of A.R.P. service. Originally called "The Comforters," women with strong nerves in the village have promised to look after their more nervous neighbours during air raids.

The village has been divided into sections, so that each "comforter" has six houses to look after. If an air raid warning sounded she would shepherd her neighbours to one of the houses, make tea, and generally look after them.

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DESERT WARFARE

MOSLEMS NOT EAGER TO FIGHT BRITISH

With the British Army in the Western Desert, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—There is a marked strengthening of British defences in the western desert.

At present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered by General Graziani soon.

Italian planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the Royal Air Force daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Ben Ghazi. The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on the desert camps which are excellently camouflaged; hence casualties are small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be Second-in-Command, has encountered difficulties in preparing troops for a further advance into Egypt as Moslem troops are reluctant to invade the country. Many of Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica and were conscripted. Large numbers of the Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe, which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Delayed By Feasts

It appears that the advance is likely to be delayed until after the feasts of Ramadan and Bairam which conclude in 16 days.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system.

Great underground defences works have been constructed. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment and bombing Italians have to drop bombs at random.

The New Zealand troops are particularly pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

The Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving their herds and flocks before them. They are no embarrassment to the military authorities as they are nomadic and can find a living almost anywhere.

Italian Warship Is Blown Up In Red Sea

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three explosions. At Tessenei direct hits were registered on buildings.

An Italian plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. aircraft was chased for 30 miles. The Italian bomber was last seen losing height rapidly and emitting black smoke from its fuselage.

In a recent engagement over the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier, a fighter plane of the South African Air Force shot down an Italian Caproni bomber the crew of which were taken prisoner.

There were a number of enemy planes over Malta yesterday but they fled without attempting to attack when they were intercepted by British fighters.

Alexandria Attack

Alexandria, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Alexandria early this morning. One person was slightly injured. Very slight damage was caused, stated an Admiralty communique.

Enemy Ship Bombed

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off Hook of Holland by a R.A.F. plane this afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel, the British bomber dived through the cloud and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.

Far East Evacuees & Shipping Rates

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also indicated that it would not be the major consideration.

The State Department said they had not received a second appeal from the Shanghai American Association for more equitable rates.

Mr. Hull's Assurance

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at the press conference to-day said that the State Department is giving full attention to the complaints from citizens that the passenger rates on evacuation vessels from the Far East are too high.

He said that it is the Department's policy to guard against excessive profits by shipping companies, and to keep the fares down to a level that would provide a reasonable payment to the companies; however, he was unable to announce anything new.

Other State Department sources said that some new developments in the Far Eastern evacuation situation might come later, but there was no indication of what this might be.

Mr. Hull said no thought had been given to the Government chartering the vessels and apportioning the passenger fares.

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to the United States, was received by the King to-day.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill, who remained to lunch.

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Australian Griffins Sold

High Prices Obtained At Auction

The first batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

Nine ponies were sold, and two, a bay mare by Silverado from Llangilda and a bay gelding by Double Court from Army Lass, fetched $3,500 and $2,500 respectively. The upset price in each of the sales was $1,250. Two ponies were withdrawn from the sale, one, as there were no bids, and the other because it was said the Veterinary Surgeon was not quite satisfied with it.

The names of the purchasers of the ponies were not disclosed to the Press because, said an official of the Jockey Club, the sale was a private one and it was not known whether the buyers would object to their names being known. Another official said that if it was discovered that the buyers did not object to their names appearing, there would be sent to the Press.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Jockey Club, acted as auctioneer, and opening the sale he said that a great deal of trouble had been experienced during the last few years in obtaining reasonable China ponies at a proper price. Many difficulties had arisen and the Stewards had tried very hard to get over them by registration of breeders, but he was afraid that a great portion of the ponies had not proved satisfactory. This year, there was the trouble in the North.

Not Been Galloped

Mr. Pearce added that this experiment was being tried so that members of the Jockey Club might see the ponies they were going to buy. The ponies had not been galloped, but had been trotted, and, as far as the Veterinary Surgeon could see, they were all sound.

Concluding, Mr. Pearce said that the Stewards of the Club could not give a guarantee that a similar batch of ponies would be obtained as this depended on the success of the present batch.

The auction will be continued at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The full list of ponies sold, and their prices, follows:

A Chestnut Mare, aged 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins. by Bravia from Little Ina, $1,850; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins. by Double Court from Army Lass, $2,500; Chestnut Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Woorak from Carolist, $1,450; Bay Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Double Court from Royal Ruby, $1,900; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Weatherwise from Unnamed, $1,250; Chestnut Mare, 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins, by Dignus from Lady Mecca, $1,800; Bay Mare 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Silverado from Llangilda, $3,500; Brown Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Pentheus from Royal Glory, $1,750; Chestnut Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Colugo from Cooma Maid, $1,550.

Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to pony classification lists dated May 28, 1940, as notified by Hongkong Jockey Club:

Australian ponies—Devonian, Melody Star and Tornado Star to "B" class; Winnie to "C" Class; Longdon, Strathcarrick and Surprise Again to "D" Class.

China Ponies—Thirty Six and Victoria to "B" Class and Half-Moon Eve to "C" Class.

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"BLITZ-BALL" HAVING ITS SECOND WAR-TIME SEASON IN ENGLAND

66 Teams Compete In Two Sections: Air Raids Are Big Hazard

(By H. L. PERCY, "United Press" Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Oct. 1 (UP).—Professional Association Football in Britain has started its second war-time season along lines which the "fans" are calling "blitz-ball."

Air-raids are the big hazard in all matches. All games must stop directly the warning goes, and if there is no resumption before the "all clear", then the goal-score when the game was stopped stands as the result. There are no replays, and goal-averages, not points, count in the championship tables this season.

Hence, a quick goal in the first minute might decide a match if the warning sounded immediately afterwards. And, therefore, all teams try to notch up as many goals as they can right from the kick-off. For instance, Arsenal beat Southend 7-1 on August 31, when the season opened, all the scoring being done in the first half. Hence the "Blitz-ball."

The new system, it is hoped, will produce brighter football since it is no longer sufficient to get a lead and then play entirely on the defensive. Both sides must attack all the time to get as many goals as possible, for they never know when the sirens may bring a halt.

Many Changes

The war has made big and revolutionary changes in the professional football set-up. Before the war the English League was divided into four graded divisions. Each had its own championships on a basis of points, and there was promotion and relegation from one division to another. There was also the Football Association cup competition in which all the clubs played on equal terms.

With the start of the war football ceased for a while, until a make-shift scheme was devised. About two dozen clubs closed themselves down "for the duration", but the remainder were split into six geographical sections, irrespective of their former standing in the league.

This was not particularly successful, for not only did it provide too many-tame-matches-between "giants" and "lambs", but the sections had completed their double-header fixtures long before the season was over.

New Arrangement

A re-distribution of the teams was then made, still geographical but more equal in strength, and what was called a war competition was started. This was not a straight knockout tournament like the peace time cup competition. Instead every team played every other team in its section twice, at home and away, and the total goal-score decided the issue.

Eventually, the four section champions met in two semi-finals and a final. West Ham beat Blackburn Rovers 1-0 in the final at Wembley stadium.

But still managers found football was not paying, and gate receipts were hitting new lows. There were several reasons for this. For instance, when, at the start of the war, mass air attacks were generally expected, the Government put a strict limit on the size of crowds, in or out of doors. Later it was relaxed to a minimum of 15,000 for out-door gatherings, and then still further relaxed according to the capacity of the ground.

Another reason was that with the spurt in war production, the British working man no longer had his Saturday afternoon free. Instead of yelling himself hoarse in the bleachers of his favourite team, he was either in the army or busy turning out guns, planes and shells.

Lack Of Players

A third reason was that clubs were hard put to find even medium class players to put in the field, for the young, fit footballers were among the first to be snapped up by the fighting forces.

The season closed last May, and the football authorities immediately started planning for the new season. Their plans were nearly wrecked when Hitler started his aerial blitzkrieg on June 18, and it seemed that all such out-door gatherings would have to be stopped on account of the frequency and danger of daylight raids.

At the last minute, however, the Ministry of Home Security relented, but issued some general instructions to which clubs must adhere. These were:—

1. **The match must be suspended till the "raiders passed" (all clear) is sounded.**

2. **The crowd must take shelter in the stadium, and must not leave for shelters elsewhere. But any body is at liberty to go home.**

3. **The match must not be abandoned unless the warning is given shortly before the end, or the stadium possesses no shelter.**

Season Underway

Thus, the second war season has got underway. Sixty-six teams are competing, compared with 88 in the peace-time league. They are divided into two groups only, North and South, the line of division being roughly across the middle of England. There are 32 teams in the northern section, and 34 in the southern.

Crowds on the opening day were not large at any of the matches but this cannot be attributed to the possibility of air-raids. London alone on that day had a record number of alarms (7), yet there was a sufficiently long break between them for all of the five matches in London to be played without interruption. No matches in any other part of the country were interrupted either.

The two sections, which have programme arranged up to the end of December, are composed as follows:—

NORTH. — Barnsly, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford, Bradford City, Burnley, Bury, Chester, Doncaster Rovers, Everton, Grimsby, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull City, Leads United, Lincoln City, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, New Brighton, Newcastle, Oldham Athletic, Preston North End, Rochdale, Rotherham United, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southport, Stockport County, Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham and York City.

SOUTH.—Aldershot, Arsenal, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton & Hove, Bristol City, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Chealsea, Clapton Orient, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Leicester City, Luton Town, Mansfield, Millwall, Northampton, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Nottingham County, Portsmouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Reading, Southampton, Southend United, Stoke City, Swansea Town, Tottenham Hotspur, Walsall, Watford, West Bromwich Albion and West Ham.



TRIUMPHANT REDS—Victory by the Reds over the Phillies gave them the pennant in the National Baseball League, and then they went on to beat Detroit Tigers, American League pennant-winners, in one of the closest World Series in recent years by four matches to three. Here, Manager Bill McKechnie is swung aloft in the dressing room by the exuberant players.

Rugby

Army Make Changes For Saturday

Berry To Play At Full Back

Army have made several changes in their first Rugby fifteen to meet Police Rugby Union Football Club at Boundary Street on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. most interesting of which is the selection of Pte. Berry, who has invariably played as a front-row forward, as full-back.

The threequarters and halves remain unchanged, but several newcomers appear in the pack. 22/Lt. Bompas, who turned out for Club last year, appears as a front row forward, while 2/Lt. Ford, who was full-back last Saturday against Club, will be hooker. Lt. Willoughby has been dropped and the remaing forwards are the same as played against Club on Saturday.

Capt. Hewitt, who played for Army first fifteen last season, and Cpl. Bedford, who gave a fine performance for the "A" fifteen last Saturday, are among the reserves.

The following is the Army fifteen, members of which are requested to be on the ground 15 minutes before the start of the game:

Pte. Berry (Middlesex); L/Bdr. Richards (R.A.), Capt. J. A. H. Douglass (R. Scots), Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.) and Sgt. Marsh (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.) and 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.), 2/Lt. D. Ford (R. Scots), Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2 /Lt. H. A. W. Millar (R. Scots), 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); Capt. D. A. Duke (R. Scots), 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.)and 2/Lt. D. Pinkerton (R. Scots).

Reserves are Capt. Hewitt (Middlesex), Cpl. Bedford (Signals) Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.), Gnr. Giblin (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.).

The team will train at Happy Valley to-morrow evening at 5 p.m.

Club Fifteen

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club "A" at Rugby today against Royal Navy on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m.

J. Rogers, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. Van Lecuwen; T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo; C. M. Stark, R. C. Gairdner, R. E. Heasman; A. G. Dalziel, R. M. King; J. Moodie, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Hockey

Club Draw With Sappers 1-1

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Hongkong Hockey Club drew with the Royal Engineers, the score being 1-1.

Play in the first half was scrappy, and the Club players, who seemed to be on the slow side, missed many opportunities. Both teams settled down in the second period, and the standard of play reached a good level.

Shaw scored for the Sappers early in the second half, and Sidney Fowler equalised.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, both matches starting at 5 p.m.:

To-day, 2nd XI v. St Andrew's Fellowship.—Pinlock; Heptonstall and Railton; Smith, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Treson and Bevan.

To-morrow, "A" XI. v. Hongkong University.—V. M. Benwell; J. H. Jordan and Saxby; R. Baldwin, Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD

SEMI-FINALS

The semi-final round matches in the Gutierrez Shield International Lawn Bowls Competition will be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club greens on Sunday, October 27, at 3 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:

Philippines or Australia v. England or Wales.

Ireland or Switzerland v. Scotland or India.

The second round matches will take place on Craigengower Cricket Club's green on Saturday at 3 p.m. instead of at 3.30 p.m. as previously advertised.

JOHORE GRAND PRIX IN AID OF WAR FUND

Malayan Motorists Organise Two-day Race Meet

AN EVENT UNIQUE in the annals of Malayan motoring will take place on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 when the Automobile Association of Malaya will stage, under the patronage of the Regent of Johore, the Johore Grand Prix Motor Races in aid of The War Fund.

The Grand Prix, for which the cream of Malayan motoring skill will compete, is a magnificent trophy presented by the Regent.

For the first time it will be possible for spectators in the grandstand to see the cars, starting level, fight it out over a 10-mile course, passing them six times as they lap the circuit.

Entry to the race will be by invitation only and fifteen invitations will be sent out to competitors who will compete as representatives from the States of Johore, Perak, and Selangor and from Penang and Malacca. As the Singapore and Johore branches of the Association are combined, it is unlikely that Singapore will be separately represented.

Included in these fifteen invitations is an invitation to the Royal Automobile Association of Thailand, asking it to send a representative competitor, so that an inter-State and International atmosphere will pervade the whole event.

It is understood that invitations have already been sent to several drivers who have proved their skill in Malayan Hill climbs and Speed Trials, including Lim Peng Han, P. K. Braid, Conrad Oldham, C. O. Jennings, N. G. Reddish, C. V. Crowther-Smith and Geoffrey Maund.

THE COURSE

THE course, which is almost ready, consists of a portion of the new Johore bye-pass road, and some connecting roads. It commences with a length of the bye-pass of approximately 1.5 miles, followed by five laps of a circuit which will be approximately 1.6 miles to the lap.

Half of this small circuit is on a connecting road on which overtaking will not be allowed. All overtaking will thus be upon the bye-pass which is a new road of good surface, and white lines pointed across the road will indicate the cut-out points at the approaches to the entrance of the circuit.

Voluntary practice will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and official compulsory practice will commence on Saturday, Nov. 16 and continue until 4 p.m. The first three scratch races will then follow.

First race, 4.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,100 c.c.

Second race, 5 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,500 c.c.

Third race, 5.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars of unlimited c.c.

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SUPERCHARGED cars will not be penalised and may remain in their correct primary class. Cars finishing in the first three in their scratch race will qualify for the semi-finals.

Second race, 3.30 p.m.: First semi-final. This will be a handicap race and will include one car at least from each of the scratch races, five cars in all competing.

Third race, 4 p.m.: Second semi-final. This will be similar to the other semi-final.

The two fastest cars in each of the semi-finals will qualify for the Grand Prix final as also will the faster third.

A ten interval will then follow and at 5 p.m. the scratch race for motor-cycles will be held.

At 5.30 p.m. the Grand Prix Final will follow as the climax of the meeting and will consist of seven laps instead of the usual five.

Cups will be presented for first, second and third places in the scratch races.

TABLE TENNIS

Wardens Contest

A table tennis match between A.R.P. Wardens of Yaumati "A" District and Shumshuipo "C" District was played on Saturday night at the Yuet Sou Middle School. The match resulted in a win for Yaumati by 5-2.

The following were the results, the players of the winning team being mentioned first:

Tsang Kan-bor beat Lo Cheuk-way 2-1; Tang Yu-wah lost to Wong Ting 0-2; Shek Bun lost to Chui Fook-cheung 0-2; Fung Cheung beat Lou Fok-hon 2-0; Tse Chun-hung beat Lo Kwan-wah 2-1; Yu Man-hoi beat Lo Kwok-chui 2-1; Wong Tai-woon beat Fung Sing-lam 2-0.

Cricket Club Teams For Week-End

The following will represent Hongkong Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st. XI. v. Kowloon C.C. (Away).—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Bewar, Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Finnie R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. F. Grose, H. Owen-Hughes, J. L. Isley, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce, R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd. XI. v. Police (Home).—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brig. T. MacLeod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and L. P. Tamworth.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Tenth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 2nd November, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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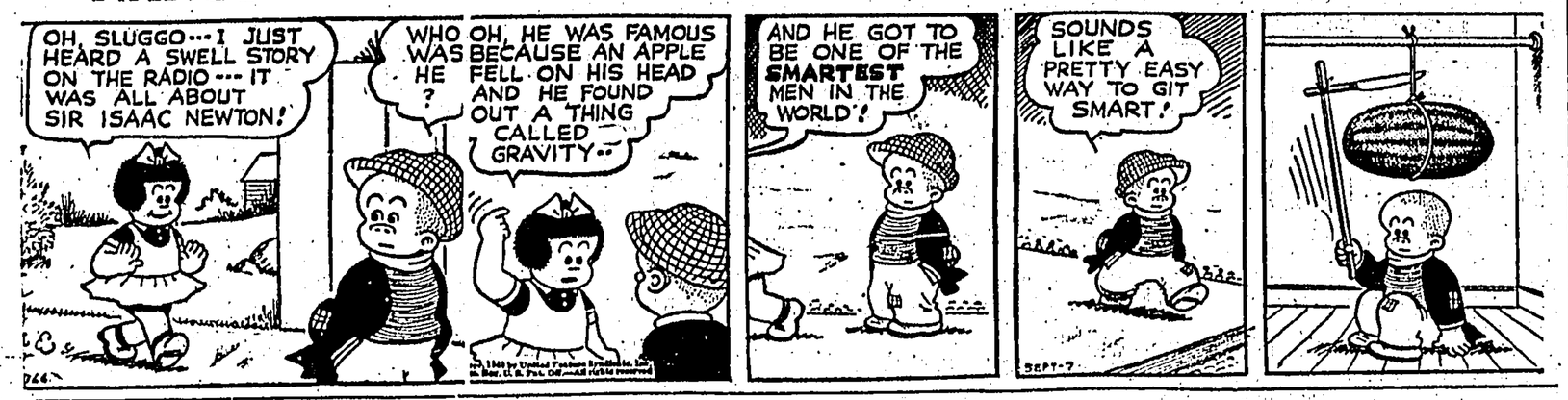
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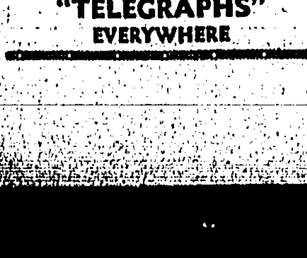


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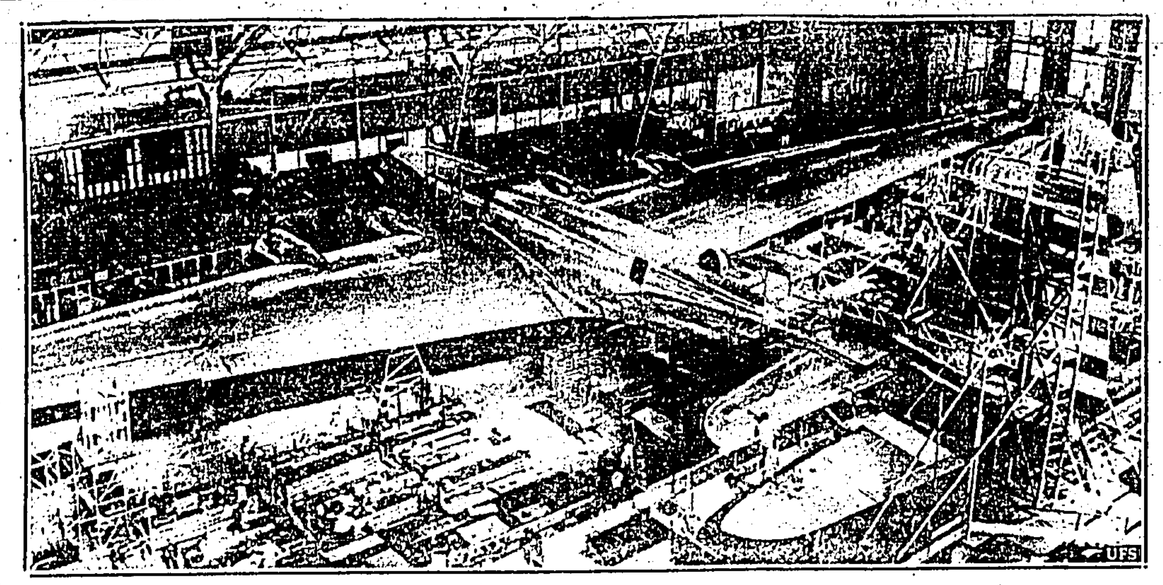
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POLICE SEEK BOGUS M.P. WHO GOT £10 FROM INTERNEE'S WIFE

SCOTLAND YARD SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO POSED AS A WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO PLAY A TRICK ON MRS. HANS ALEC ROSENFELDER, WIFE OF A GERMAN REFUGEE INTERNED IN THE ISLE OF MAN, WHOSE CASE HAS BEEN RAISED RECENTLY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

This man telephoned a London paper saying he was Mr. S. S. Silverman, M.P. for Nelson and Colne, and that he had been informed by the Home Secretary that Mr. Rosenfelder would be released from the Isle of Man shortly.

By chance the reporter who answered the call was the man who had dealt with the Rosenfelder case.

He asked if Mrs. Rosenfelder had been informed. The "M.P." said he was speaking from her house, that she was out and he was leaving a message with the maid.

Address

The reporter asked him for his private address and phone number. He gave an Acorn number and an address in Wembley.

Later Mrs. Rosenfelder phoned the paper to ask if any news had been received from the Home Office.

She said she was at her home in Hendon and had not been out during the evening. A "Mr. Silverman, M.P.," had brought her news that her husband was to be released.

The paper then checked up on the "M.P." It was discovered that the phone number he had given was the number of Acton Council and that the private address was fictitious.

Offered To Send Money

Mrs. Rosenfelder said: "The man had phoned me as Mr. Silverman and said Sir John Anderson would inform him this evening when my husband would be released. He came to my home and phoned a West End club from here. He said the person at the other end of the phone was Sir John Anderson, who confirmed that my husband would be out shortly.

"Quite casually he asked if my husband had money with him. I said no, and he suggested I should send him about £10 to travel home. He offered to send it for me. I thought an M.P. would know the procedure so I gave him £10 in notes."

Sir John Anderson was out of London at the time and could not have spoken to the "M.P."

A Description

Mrs. Rosenfelder has given detectives the following description of the man: About 50 years of age, short, stout, dark, going bald, wearing horn-rimmed glasses with thick lenses; brown suit with white stripe, brown trilby hat.

Air Raid Lessons From Chungking

It was his earnest endeavour to reach the same state of efficiency in Hongkong as in Chungking, in providing air raid shelters for the population, said Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Precautions, in an address on his recent visit to the Chinese capital, which he gave at the Hongkong Rotary Club tiffin yesterday.

He said:

Our main object in visiting Chungking was to study the very excellent system they have devised for giving protection to the general public. It is protection of a very high order and almost bomb-proof.

Altogether there are 420,000 people in Chungking, and it is estimated that there is sufficient tunnel accommodation for every soul. In addition to this, they are now building tunnels into the sides of the hills to house their transport. Chungking is literally riddled with tunnels. In fact, it resembled a rabbit warren, but with this difference, the burrowing had been organised and well-planned. Some of the tunnels were constructed to house several thousand people, and others sufficient to meet the needs of the people in the immediate vicinity.

Chungking has many air raid advantages over Hongkong. For instance, the authorities have at least one hour's warning, and during this period, quite a number proceed to the hinterland on foot or in their motor cars, but the bulk of the population remains "put" until a second alarm is sounded, and then they make their way towards the tunnels, which are generally just across the road, where they wait until a third alarm is sounded, and then they entered the tunnels and remain there until the "All Clear" signal is given. This long warning permits the population to take the precautionary measures in an orderly and free-from-panic spirit.

Should you ever pay a visit to Chungking, during the period of hostilities, and if you value your life—do not at night time wear white, or light or smoke a cigarette. If you do, you will hear the crack of a rifle and a bullet whizzing by. The Chinese are so well drilled that, I was informed, many cases of bad man-handling have taken place on those who disobeyed these instructions.

Blake Gardens Experiment

We spent many hours examining these tunnels, and I for one learnt many useful hints and tips, and my friend Mr. Faber has now undertaken to supervise the construction of a tunnel at Blake Gardens, using, as far as is practicable, Chungking methods, and it will be of interest to compare the price per head, and the time of construction of such a tunnel, against the price per head of tunnels constructed by more modern methods.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the city is in ruins. The vast majority of the houses are poorly constructed, a large number are built of timber; others of brickwork and hollow wall construction. Such buildings as these collapse like a pack of cards from the effects of the blast of high explosive bombs, and in most cases, fires soon break out.

A tremendous amount of damage has been done to the city, not only by the effects of high explosive bombs, but also by incendiary bombs and other fires caused by the collapse of houses. The officials, however, deal with the fires in drastic manner, and they have no hesitation in demolishing building after building in order to prevent the spread of fires. Each owner of a house has to keep on the ground floor 40 gallons of water and several small bamboo buckets of sand, and this, I think, is an excellent scheme, for it enables the Fire Brigade to proceed to any given place and know that the material for dealing with the fire in its incipient stage is on the spot.

The lighting restrictions are comparatively easy to enforce as the electricity is cut off at the source, and a pot shot at any window showing a light does the rest.

It was stated that telephone lines cannot be relied upon after the first salvo of bombs, and I can well believe this, as some of the contortionist attitudes which telegraph posts were at, would even have gladdened the heart of Heath Robinson.

Lessons For Hongkong

I suggest that I should be failing in my duty, if I did not draw some conclusions on all that I had seen of the Chinese Government's magnificent work in providing shelter for the population, and endeavour to apply those lessons to Hongkong.

Perhaps what impressed me, most of all, was the complete absence of fear and the apparent high standard of morale amongst the civilians. I am quite sure that this state of affairs is due to the fact that the people have confidence because: (a) Bomb-proof shelters has been provided for all; (b) the provision of ready-made huts for those whose houses are demolished; and (c) the example set by all and their readiness to help their neighbours.

It must, and shall be, my earnest endeavour to reach the same state in Hongkong. The problem is colossal, but if it is broken into fragments, I am optimistic enough to believe that it is not insoluble, and with your active support and help, let us confidently march forward and attain the highest degree of efficiency.

FATHER ACCUSES TEACHER

Evacuation Echo

A schoolmaster who made plans to evacuate boys to Canada was accused at Clerkenwell of taking a stockbroker's 11-years-old son away by fraud.

Mr. Coverdale Sharp, prosecuting, said that the master, Montagu Wilfred Weaver Wicks, aged 28, of Florence-road, Sanderstead, Surrey, coached Mr. George Schwerdt's sons during the Eastern holidays.

Later he said he was taking a party of boys to Canada. Mr. Schwerdt decided to let his son George go.

He paid £620 into Wicks's bank account to cover expenses for two years, including the passage both ways.

Brought Back

After the train had left Euston Mr. Schwerdt got into communication with Canada House.

As a result, Wicks was stopped at Crewe and brought back with the boy.

Inquiries showed he had cancelled a provisional booking for two to go to Canada and had no exit permit.

Mr. Lawrence Vine, defending, said that difficulties had arisen and Wicks was going to stay at Liverpool until they were cleared up. A colleague was going to take the rest of the party over, following Wicks.

High Praise

Mr. Schwerdt, who lives at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, agreed he had expressed high praise of Wicks's qualities as a teacher.

He said he did not know that his wife first suggested the visit to Canada, or that she had written to Wicks: "Even if you decide at the last moment to stay, I should like George to be in your charge, wherever that is."

Wicks was remanded on bail.



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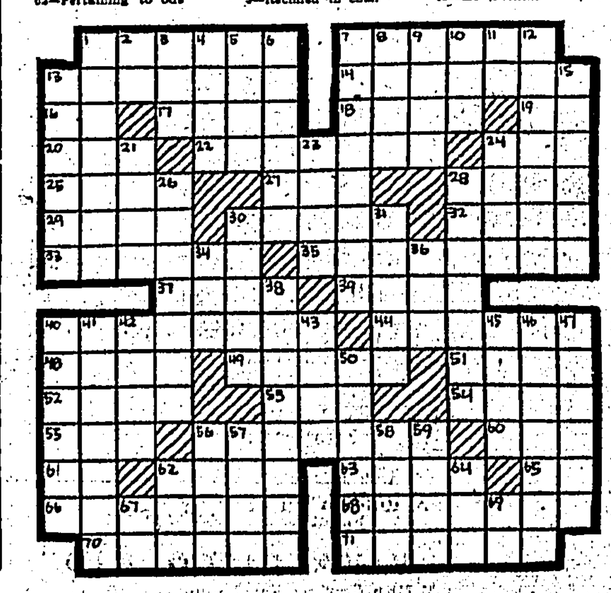
1—Classify
7—Rub roughly
13—One who makes
14—Clothes creators
16—Near
17—Rise and fall of ocean level
18—Pertaining to era
19—Pipe connection
20—Bite sharply
22—Causes to stick together
24—Friend (French)
25—Absolute ruler
27—Cereal grass
28—Very dry
29—Diminutive suffix
30—Malicious burning
32—Locale
33—One who ties sail to boom
35—One who steps heavily
37—Small pie
39—Inventor of electric battery (died 1877)
40—Pertaining to money
44—Form camp
45—Hebrew month
49—Flies with motionless wings
51—Rip
52—Cuts off
53—Fresh: before
54—One performance on each part (music)
55—Units of 119.6 square yards each
56—Portentous
60—None (Scottish)
61—Depart
62—Pertaining to ode
63—Malayalan vessel
65—Exists
66—Halo
68—One who thinks of self
70—Yellowish-brown color
71—Herb with stinging hairs

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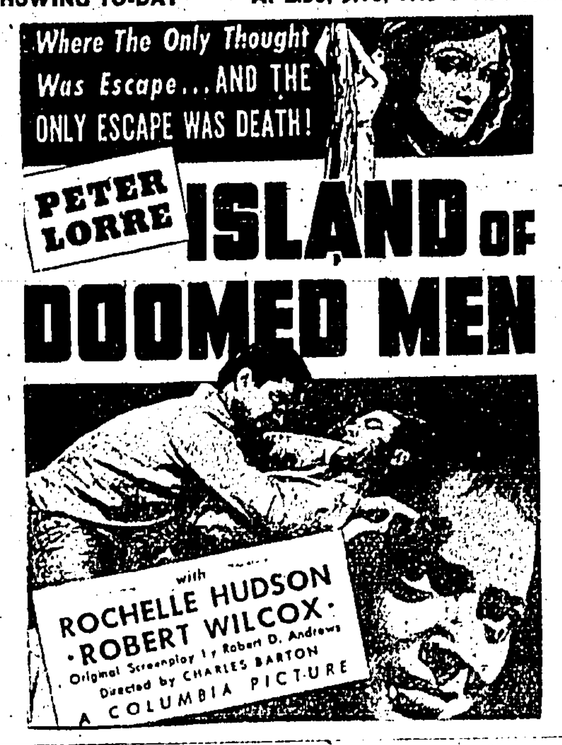
1—Professional singer (French)
2—Point of compass
3—Reclined in chair
4—Pertaining to ear
5—Was carried
6—Vibratory movement
7—People with very loud voices
8—Wheeled vehicle
9—Narrow inlets
10—Whole
11—Italian river
12—Hermit
13—Moderate gallop
15—Slipping device
21—Top of head
23—Orient
26—Head covering
26—Roof supports
28—Appearances
30—Tapestry
31—Calls
34—Take food
36—Male human beings
38—Pertaining to warm climate
40—Type of grape wine
41—Smiling badly
42—Short sleeps
43—Fibrous material
45—Long time
46—Indisposition (French)
47—Clergyman of Catholic Church
50—Disclose once more
58—Scent
57—5,280 feet
58—Incite
59—Deposit left by smoke
62—Ever (poetic)
64—Attention (abbr.)
67—Proposed international language
69—He (French)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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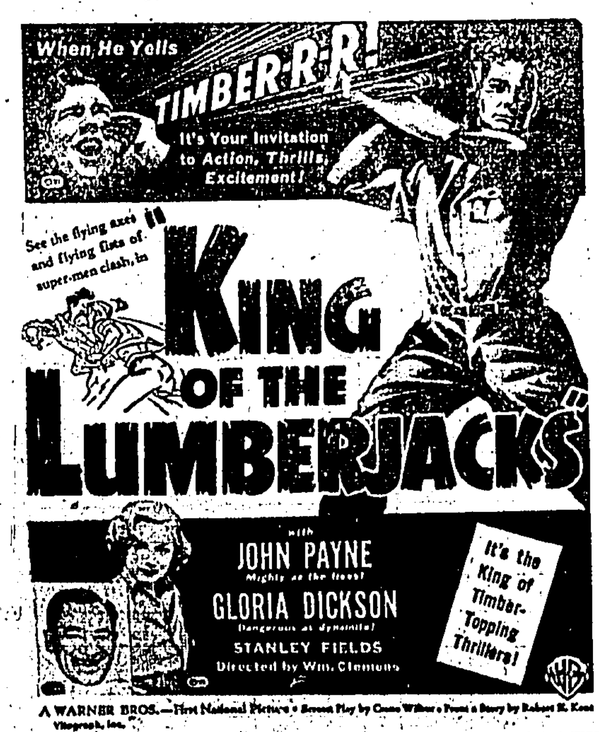
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M.P.s JOIN PROTEST AGAINST HIGH FARES

MANY M.P.S HAVE RECEIVED STRONG PROTESTS FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN RAILWAY FARES. HERE ARE SOME TYPICAL COMMENTS:

Mr. George Hicks (Lab., E. Woolwich), general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers: "Several branches and individual members of my union have already complained to me. It may be necessary for the railways to raise this additional money, but is it certain that all the available sources at the top have been tapped?

"If increased costs are to be continually shifted on to the shoulders of the workers you will get the vicious spiral of wages chasing costs of living which everyone wants to avoid."

Mr. G. R. Strauss (Lab., N. Lambeth): "The proposed increases cannot be justified in view of the enormous profits being made by transport services outside the London area. The difficulties of the railways could be met if they all pooled their resources."

Conservative M.P.s with whom I talked were equally aware of the strong feeling which the proposals are arousing writes a correspondent.

They were unwilling to give any opinion on the merits of the proposals until they had more opportunity of studying the figures. They were, however, apprehensive about the tendency towards inflation to which increased charges of this kind lead.

Growing Opposition

Organised opposition is being planned by the London Transport Passenger Alliance. A meeting is to be held when urban district and borough councils in the area served by the London Passenger Transport Board, and London Chambers of Commerce will be represented.

The proposals call for an advance equivalent to 6.8 per cent., and to 17½ per cent. on pre-war rates.

Certain adjustments are proposed on London Transport fares. There would be a minimum workman's fare of 3d. and a maximum increase on any fare of 1d.

Cutting Out A Stage

On the central buses, trams and trolley-buses the standard distance of two stages for each penny would be shortened by one stage—three stages for 2d.—and fares under 9d. would not be increased by more than 1d. and over 9d. by more than 2d. Season tickets and other fares would increase by 6.8 per cent.

The bus fare or tube fare for a mile or less will still be 1½d.

Here are a few examples of the increases; the first column shows the present return fares and the second column the proposed increased fares:

Watford	3/6	3/8¾
Chorley Wood ...	2/11	3/1½
Birmingham	32/6	34/8½
Sevenoaks	5/6	5/7½
Edinburgh	76/3	81/5¼

POCKET-SUBMARINE MEN ARE PRISONERS

CREW OF SHARK NOW BELIEVED TO BE SAFE

THE Commander, the officers, and a number of the crew of the submarine Shark, presumed lost in July, are believed to be safe.

Two letters from Lieut.-Commander Peter Noel Buckley, in command of the submarine, reached his parents' home in Cheshire on Saturday and stated that he was safe in hospital in Norway.

Although wounded in the head and knee, he wrote that he was "getting on well and being well looked after."

The four other officers of the Shark were Sub-Lieut. Robert Douglas James Barnes, R.N.R.; Lieut. Denis Hugh Bryan Barrett, R.N.; Acting Warrant Engineer Cyril Coltman Loder, R.N.; and Lieut. David Ewart Wheeler, R.N.

It is believed that all are prisoners of war, together with a number of the 39 ratings.

No News Since June

The 670-tons Shark, described as Britain's latest "pocket submarine," was the tenth British submarine," to be lost since the start of the war.

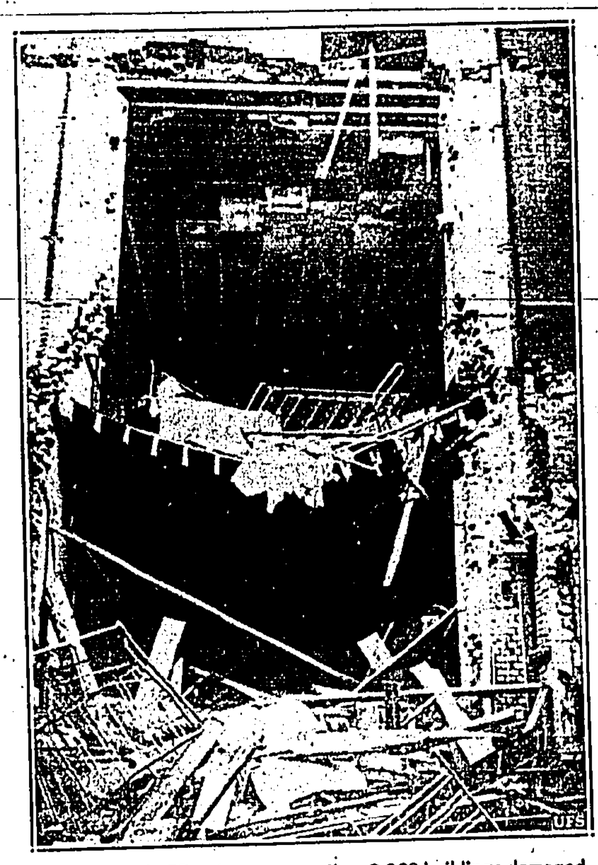
Her commander comes from a family which has devoted itself to the Services. His eldest brother was a lieutenant in the submarine service. Another, aged 23, is a lieutenant in the R.N.V.R., and a third is an artillery lieutenant.

Lieut.-Commander P. N. Buckley is 30 and unmarried. After leaving the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth he volunteered for the submarine service ten years ago.

His father, Mr. Frank Buckley, of Brook Meadow, Hooton, told me yesterday: "We had no news from him since early in June until yesterday when two letters from him arrived together.

"One letter was dated July 13, and the second July 22. He could not say much about what had happened, but he told us that he was all right and was being well looked after.

"It has all been a shock to us, naturally, but we took the news of the submarine's loss as philosophically as we could.



SUSPENSION BED—Among more than 2,000 buildings damaged in London by Nazi air raiders, hospitals do not escape. Here is view of portion of North London hospital, with bed freakishly suspended.

LATE NEWS

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL INTERNED

ADMIRAL NICHOLAS WOLKOFF, sixty-nine-year-old proprietor of the Russian Tea Rooms in Roland-gardens, Kensington, an ex-officer of the Imperial Russian Navy, has been interned by order of the Home Secretary under Section 18B of the Defence Regulations.

His wife is carrying on the tea shop.

The admiral was Russian Naval Attache in London up to the time of the revolution. His family estates were seized and he was left almost penniless.

Admiral Wolkoff came to England in 1913 and has never been back to Russia. His four children, a son and three daughters, were sent to English schools.

Berlin Shivers In Advance

Messages reaching New York from Berlin state that a relatively large proportion of Berliners who heat their homes with an individual tiled stove in each room got some bad news recently.

An official declaration warned them that they will be allowed to have only one of these stoves to a dwelling, plus the kitchen stove repaired and overhauled for use next winter.

Furthermore, only such repairs and overhauling will be permitted as can be carried out with the minimum amount of iron and other material and as little labour as possible.

Landlords and tenants are further advised to-day to arrange to have a stove repaired which heats the room easiest to keep warm. In buildings of two or more storeys the tenants are urged to agree among themselves that next winter they will heat tiers of rooms lying one above the other throughout the building.

The order is issued by the Mayor of Berlin, the coal commissioner for the capital and the Fuehrer of the Berlin Association of Property Owners.

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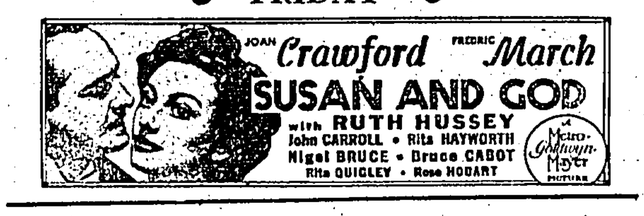


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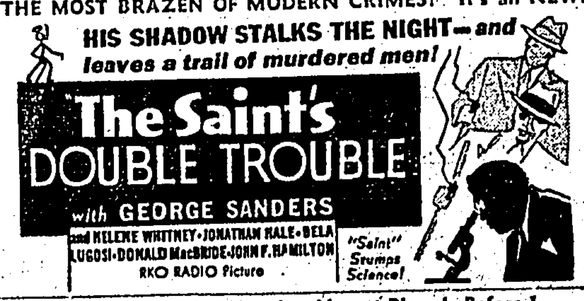


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HITLER'S NEW PEACE TERMS TO FRANCE IF SHE FIGHTS BRITAIN

Share in Axis 'New World Order', But Lose Empire

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, OCT. 22, (UP).—A FORTNIGHT AGO GERMANY OFFERED FRANCE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IF THE LATTER WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR AGAINST BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HERE.

The offer, however, was rejected by Marshal Petain and the majority of the Vichy Cabinet, but M. Laval supported the idea and is at present working for its acceptance.

SIX PROVISIONS

According to the diplomat's information the terms of the offer were as follows:

(1) France should be admitted to share in the Axis "New World Order" as an associated Power, but not as a partner.

(2) Germany to obtain Alsace-Lorraine and Italy to receive Nice.

(3) French troops in Africa and the French fleet and air force to co-operate in the offensive against Egypt and Palestine.

CONTROL OF FRENCH BASES

(4) Germany and Italy to assume control of French aerial and naval bases in the Mediterranean and Africa.

(5) The redistribution of French colonies as follows: France to retain Algeria—France and Italy to divide Tunisia—France and Spain to divide Morocco and Germany to regain all her former colonies.

(6) All other French colonies to be governed by Italy, Germany and France.

The diplomatic source said the alleged Italo-German terms provoked a controversy in the French Cabinet. M. Baudoin and Admiral Darlan are reported to be supporting M. Laval who is said to have argued that the offer showed Germany's desire to terminate the war quickly in the interests of all Europe.

Petain Disagrees

Marshal Petain is reported to have disagreed, declaring that he will never sign such an agreement.

General Weygand and other Cabinet Ministers supported Marshal Petain, some of them feeling that acceptance of the terms would cause the French Colonies to rally immediately to General de Gaulle.

The German offer was submitted immediately after the meeting of Hitler and Mussolini in the Brenner

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HITLER RECEIVES HIS PUPPET

BERLIN, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Hitler received M. Laval, the French Vice-Premier, to-day according to the German wireless.

Herr von Ribbentrop was present at the interview which apparently took place in France.

Vichy or Madrid

New York, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Dispatches from Berlin to-day agree that Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has left Berlin.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid, or both, and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind.

SHIPPING BAN LIFTED

Clearances for British and Allied shipping for Kwangchowwan only are now being issued by the Harbour Office.

The ban was imposed on ships for Indo-China ports since September 25, but the suspension for Kwangchowwan was lifted yesterday.

Shipping circles do not anticipate any large clearances of cargo or passengers immediately.

Ll. George Has Chill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Lloyd George has a slight chill and was unable to proceed to London from Wales to-day.



NO SCRAP FOR JAPAN

Mexico's Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mexico will not sell scrap iron to any totalitarian Power despite Japan's reported high bids.

On the contrary Mexico may sell 19,000 tons to Britain.

It is concurrently reported that the Government has decided to cancel a 250,000 acre concession at Vera Cruz on which a Japanese concern holds the right to carry out petroleum explorations; however, it is not clear whether the actual cancellation order has yet been issued.

Concessions In Mexico

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—At to-day's press conference, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had received nothing official on the reported Mexican cancellation of Japanese-controlled petroleum concessions.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

THE END OF TWO RAIDERS

These vivid pictures illustrate how German pilots are treated after they have been forced down over England. In one picture we see first-aid being given to the pilot of a Messerschmitt 109 which was shot down in flames; in the other a pilot after descending by parachute is rounded up and then given a drink.



'Escape Clause' Revealed In Axis Alliance Pact

Japan Said To Be Backing Down

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, OCT. 23 (UP).—IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE STRONG ATTITUDE ADOPTED RECENTLY BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FAR EAST HAS SUCCESSFULLY CALLED THE BLUFF OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE AXIS TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE.

The Japanese have informed the British Ambassador to Tokyo that the secret provisions of the alliance permit each signatory to decide under which conditions they should come to each other's aid in the event of attack.

Thus, while the alleged secret terms leave the Japanese an escape clause in the event of the United States entering the war, at the same time it leaves Germany and Italy an escape should Japan become involved with Britain and America in the Pacific.

Initiative Lost

Unimpeachable information reaching Shanghai declares that important diplomats in Tokyo have informed their home governments during the past week that Japanese reaction to the American and British evacuation plans indicates that the Japanese feel they have lost the initiative in the Pacific, at least temporarily.

The recall of the Japanese delegation to the Dutch East Indies signals the temporary suspension of efforts to force the negotiations beyond voluntary minor concessions offered by the Netherlands East Indies.

It is understood that the growing impression among Tokyo's diplomats is that the tripartite alliance has been loosely designed with the main purpose of propaganda value.

It was hoped by Germany and Italy that the published provisions would divert Britain and America to the Pacific, while Japan hoped that American fears of automatic involvement with Italy and Germany would avert joint Anglo-American action in the Pacific.

To Seek Peace With China?

It is believed that in view of the British and American measures to counteract the tripartite alliance in the Pacific, Japan has temporarily suspended her programme to concentrate on a settlement of the Sino-Japanese war, although such efforts are expected to fail owing to the new American aid to Chungking.

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BURMA RD. IS INTACT

60 Trucks Cross Bridge

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RANGOON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Southwest Transportation Company to-day announced the receipt of a message at 5 p.m. to-day advising that the Mekong River bridge has so far not been damaged, despite the repeated Japanese bombings. The Company's officials said the first convoy of sixty trucks crossed the bridge at dawn to-day.

The bridge is a suspension bridge between perpendicular cliffs three thousand feet high, on top of which are anti-aircraft guns. The bridge is 150 feet long.

A large number of workers at Rangoon are rushing shipments of American goods to China and China goods to America. Transportation officials said American ships are arriving here on an average of one a week.

The news that the suspension bridge has not been destroyed de-

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A.A. Guns Hold Off Early Night Raiders

Sporadic Nazi Attacks

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—At 8.30 p.m. the night is very dark and heavy anti-aircraft fire is apparently holding off the raiders at the start of London's 46th successive night raid.

Gun flashes indicated that the raiders are mainly on the outskirts of the London area.

Raiders Intercepted

British Hurricanes and Spitfires intercepted raiders on the outskirts of London during to-day's first alarm and chased them back along the Thames Estuary route along which they came.

During the second alarm six raiders, taking advantage of low clouds, crossed the Kentish coast and circled the district. Anti-aircraft fire popped through the clouds and the raiders were soon scurrying towards London.

British fighting planes intercepted them a few miles inland and ten minutes later three Germans were seen returning across the Channel, followed two minutes later by two more stragglers with several British fighters snapping at their tails.

The raid developed slowly with two

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Japanese Troops Leave Indo-China: Embarking For Hainan, Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Oct. 22 (UP).—The first trainload of Japanese troops from Langson arrived at Haiphong to-day where they are resting before embarking for Hainan.

The fact that these troops did not return to Kwangsi seems to bear out the Chinese claims that a large number of Japanese troops in Kwangsi face encirclement for which reason they took a chance and violated the Indo-China border at Langson which was the only loophole of escape.

The trains bearing the Japanese troops have been routed round Hanoi. It is expected that trains will proceed to Haiphong within the next few days carrying Japanese troops which participated in the Langson fighting. The troops will be billeted in Haiphong until transports arrive to remove them to Hainan.

Hallowe'en Dinner

This year, the Scottish Company H.K.V.O.C. propose to hold the usual dinner on the night of Hallowe'en, Thursday, October, 31. By kind permission of the officials and members of the Taikoo Club, the dinner will be held in the Club premises at Quarry Bay.

Far East Evacuees & Shipping Rates

Washington Investigation

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—Government officials to-day said that the question of rates for the evacuation of Americans from the Far East is still under consideration between the Government and the shipping companies, but at present it is not likely that the rates can be reduced much, if any, on account of the high expense of the voyage. They said the ships will be operated at a loss even at the present rates.

They drew attention to the fact that the vessels have been withdrawn from their regular runs to make a special trip without much, if any, freight revenues which normally help to sustain the costs. The vessels will make a two-way trip without much freight and passengers fares, certainly less than enough to pay the costs.

The Government lacks funds for the removal of citizens although, as in the European evacuations, Government officials will co-operate to obtain money for destitutes from their friends, relatives or employers in the United States.

The reports that Japanese and Dutch shipping is bidding for the evacuation business has aroused much interest here and it is indicated that this might be considered among other factors in the discussions, but it is

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12.30 Light Variety Programme.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 **Schumann—Concerto in D Minor.**

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Ambrose and His Orchestra.**

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 **Jack Payne and His Band.**

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 Compositions of Chopin.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by the Paradise Islanders.

8.30 Studio—"Great Authors" No. 6: Thackeray.

A talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things'.

9.45 Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16.

10.15 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

10.30 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

11.00 Close Down.

LETTERS

Generous Gift to Kunming

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—The C.M.S. Hospital at Kunming—perhaps the best equipped in the district—was destroyed in an air-raid on Saturday. In view of the urgent need for setting up emergency units to deal with the casualties, the Medical Superintendent and Committee of the Nethersole Hospital wish to relinquish the share due to them of the collection and gifts taken at St. John's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, so that the whole amount may be sent to Kunming. I think those who gave on Hospital Sunday should know of this generous decision.

A. P. ROSE,
Acting Chaplain.

Kidnapping In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (Central News).—Hsu Tso-liang, a resident in Yu Yuen Road in the western district, Shanghai, was kidnapped on October 18 by four men who also robbed him of about $1,000 worth of jewellery and banknotes.

His family did not report the kidnapping to the Police until yesterday lest the kidnappers should kill him at once.

SHIP AGROUND

TOKYO, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Karachi Maru, 5,800 tons, of the Yamamoto Steamship Company, ran aground early yesterday morning 200 metres off Esudori beach, western Sefore, in South Sagalien.

No damage to the ship nor casualties among the passengers have resulted.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks £	62 n.
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Chartered £	6 7/8 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	20 7/8 n.
Mercantile, C. £	10 3/8 n.
East Asia $	72 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	175 sa.
Union $	387 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	150 s.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	125 b.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	100 n.
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Shell (Bearers) s/-	35/- n.
Waterboats $	6.90 n.
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Wharves $	89 1/2 n.
Docks (old) $	15 3/4 b.
Docks (new) $	15 1/4 n.
Providents $	4 1/2/60 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $	29 3/4 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	14/- n.
Raubs $	9 3/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 3/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	3.40 s.
Lands $	31 1/4 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	11 1/2 n.
Humphreys $	7.10 n.
H.K. Realties $	3.30 b.
Chinese Estates $	100 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3.70 n.
Star Ferries $	50 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries $	22 3/4 n.
China Lights (old) $	6 3/4 n.
China Lights (new) $	6.40 n.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	36 1/2 b.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	36.10 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $	17 n.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16 n.
Sandakan Lights $	11 n.
Telephones (old) $	23 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) $	9.55 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14.00 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	12 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	10 1/2 s.
H.K. Ropes $	6.30 sa.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	17 b.
Watsons $	8.90 b.
Lane Crawfords $	7.45 n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	37 1/2 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	161 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	99 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	35% n.
H.K. Entertainments $	6.60 n.
Constructions (old) $	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8 s.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/10 1/2 n.
Marsmans Ins. (H.K.) s/-	2/0 n.

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A total of $1,771,632.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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HITLER'S NEW PEACE TERMS

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Pass about two weeks ago, the diplomatic source declared.

Vichy Denial

VICHY, Oct. 22 (UP).—The French Government denies in the most formal manner the overseas reports that M. Laval has gone to Paris to negotiate France's declaration of war against England," declared an official of the Vichy Government today.

He said the report is ludicrous because M. Laval has gone to Paris to discuss questions of a general nature concerning immediate relations between France and Germany.

The French Foreign Minister has also denied overseas reports that France contemplates war against anybody. He said France is seeking peace and is willing to co-operate with Germany in the reconstruction of Europe, in which "the post-war status of Alsace-Lorraine will have the most important influence on relations between France and Germany."

The official spokesman said M. Laval has returned to Paris with a proposition for the extension of the Franco-German armistice which expired on September 23. It is also understood that he will continue to seek the return of the French Government to Paris.

Laval's Proposals

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Reports link together rumours of an impending visit by Ribbentrop to Vichy and Laval's negotiation of a proposal for reaching a definite armistice with the Axis.

According to American correspondents, Laval's proposal is that France should give up Alsace Lorraine, Nice, Tunis and Djibouti. The Axis would undertake not to steal anything else if Vichy declared war on Britain.

There are German-inspired suggestions that the negotiations have reached a point where Ribbentrop's visit to Vichy might clinch them. The German press has for the past two weeks refrained from saying anything derogatory about France.

These American correspondents agreed that Marshal Petain would reject any such proposal; it is believed that Laval himself doubts if the French army, navy and air force would fight Great Britain. Other reports indicate that the French people hold this view.

For instance, the Paris police have found in 18 centres secret printing and distribution of pamphlets. Some 615 people have been arrested.

Ciano For Spain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (UP).—According to reliable private sources Ribbentrop, is expected in Spain within 48 hours.

He may be joined by an Italian spokesman—presumably Count Ciano—for the purpose of bringing Spain into close co-operation with Axis Powers.

Laval In Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reliably reported that M. Laval, the Vice Premier of France, is in Paris for important negotiations with German officials possibly involving the question of the final peace terms and the attitude of the Vichy Cabinet towards Britain.

It is reported that M. Laval will discuss the "prolongation of the armistice" with the occupation authorities, but since the armistice is in effect until the final peace treaty is signed, it does not require prolonging. It is believed that M. Laval might be discussing a more definite settlement of the armistice conditions.

Reports were circulated recently that Germany and Italy might offer France milder terms if Vichy would join in the war against Britain.

A.A Guns Hold Off Early Night Raiders

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or three raiders drifting in through a few rounds of anti-aircraft fire. The attack was possibly handicapped by the mist which blotted out all except the brightest stars from the ground. No bombs were audible at the commencement of the raid.

Sporadic Raids

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy attacks on this country today have been on a very small scale, says an Air Ministry communique.

A few sporadic raids were made in the morning by single enemy aircraft on several towns on the south-east coast and some damage was done.

In two towns houses were demolished and a few people were killed or injured.

A force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in the afternoon near Dungeness. They were promptly intercepted by strong forces of our fighters and were unable to penetrate into the London area.

Reports so far received show that in this attack very little damage was done though a few bombs were dropped on a south-east town.

'Escape Clause' In Axis Alliance Pact

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It is noteworthy that General Abe arrives in Shanghai on Wednesday en route to Japan from Nanking. It is believed that his recall is further indication of Japan's abandonment of the Wang Ching-wei regime—which Japan originally decided to recognise on October 10—and also a signal for a renewed drive to negotiate a direct peace with Chiang Kai-shek.

CANTON RAILWAY ACTION

China Fighting Reports

YUNGYUN, Oct. 22 (Central News).—A combined Japanese cavalry and infantry unit moving from Shumchun to Lilong and Pukut on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway on October 17 was repulsed by the Chinese.

Attack On Chuki

CHUNGKING, Oct. 23 (Central News).—Japanese troops on Sunday pushed south along the Puyang River to attack Chuki, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, which was recently lost and recaptured by the Chinese.

Arriving in the suburbs the following day, the Japanese were encircled and fled north.

A sharp clash took place at Chungchihkow in central Hupeh, on October 17. Some 300 Japanese casualties were inflicted and six Japanese boats were sunk.

In South Shansi, Japanese artillery shelled Maotsintu, a crossing on the north bank of the Yellow River, six miles east of Pinglu, on October 19.

American Protest Answered

Bahrein Island Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"In bombing oil properties on Bahrein Island, Italy is exercising the right of war" is the comment made in authorised Rome circles to-day on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against alleged bombing of American-owned oil properties.

The Italian view is said to be that firstly, Bahrein Island, being a British protectorate, the companies exploiting oil there are juridically British; secondly, "England, thanks to the Treaty concluded with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island."

Nazi Warships Bombed

R.A.F. Raid Hamburg

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy warships under construction at the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards at Hamburg, were heavily attacked last night by R.A.F. bombers.

Tons of high explosives and over one thousand fire bombs were dropped on the shipyard and docks in the immediate vicinity in a raid which began soon after 8 p.m. and continued for more than an hour.

A heavy ground haze, great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire made conditions difficult for the raiders but by making individual attacks from all directions and heights.

They were able to evade the ground defences and press home their attacks.

Chain of Fires

Many fires broke out in the shipyard and surrounding docks, and in one place a chain of fires became one great flaming mass.

Heavy bombers made a lightning raid on an oil refinery at Reisholz, near Dusseldorf at 6.30 p.m. For ten minutes high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained on the plant and 14 separate fires were counted in the target area.

Many explosions and fires were started in railway yards at Dusseldorf and Derendorf and bombs were also dropped on the mainline south-west of Dusseldorf and on an aerodrome at Stade.

Empire Gifts

Frontier Loyalty Pledge

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Among the latest Empire war gifts is a sum of £21,000 from Assam for the purchase of four fighter planes, while the War Savings Fund of Calcutta has now sent £367,500 to the United Kingdom.

A Lahore message says that the leader of a large Moslem organisation has offered to buy fighters and has offered the services of 50,000 volunteers.

The Governor of the North-west Frontier provinces has received a pledge of loyalty from the ruler and people of Chitral.

STORMS HOLD UP CLIPPERS

A series of exceptionally severe storms have been lashing the Pan American mid-Pacific bases at Wake and Midway Islands. The "Honolulu Clipper," Hongkong-bound, has been forced to remain in Honolulu and will not be arriving in Hongkong until Monday, October 28.

Wake Island experienced a particularly severe storm and was out of touch with the world for forty-eight hours. However, assurances have been received that damage to buildings was slight.

Midway Island is now experiencing a storm of lesser intensity but which is causing heavy seas.

BURMA RD. IS INTACT

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lighted all Chinese transportation circles.

Trucks Reach Kunming

KUNMING, Oct. 23 (Central News)—The first convoy of trucks loaded with materials of various descriptions which left Lashio for the interior of China following the re-opening of the Burma Road, safely arrived here yesterday, and is leaving this morning to continue its trip inland.

The drivers and engineers were entertained at a dinner party given by local transportation companies yesterday evening. Except for a few Indian volunteers, they are all overseas Chinese who have returned to serve the fatherland.

Interviewed they said that there had been several air raid alarms on the way but the natural shelters offered adequate protection.

It is learned from responsible circles that full efforts will be exerted to keep the Burma Road open in face of Japanese aerial attacks. Air defence at towns and bridges along the road will be strengthened. Large quantities of repair materials will be put in readiness. More armed squads and repair gangs are being organised.

Quinine For China

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (UP).—Among the first loads sent on along the Burma Road will be eleven million quinine pills contributed by the Chinese residents of Batavia. The Southwest Transportation authorities have been instructed to rush the quinine.

Far East Evacuees & Shipping Rates

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also indicated that it would not be the major consideration.

The State Department said they had not received a second appeal from the Shanghai American Association for more equitable rates.

Mr. Hull's Assurance

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at the press conference to-day said that the State Department is giving full attention to the complaints from citizens that the passenger rates on evacuation vessels from the Far East are too high.

He said that it is the Department's policy to guard against excessive profits by shipping companies, and to keep the fares down to a level that would provide a reasonable payment to the companies; however, he was unable to announce anything new.

Other State Department sources said that some new developments in the Far Eastern evacuation situation might come later, but there was no indication of what this might be.

Mr. Hull said no thought had been given to the Government chartering the vessels and apportioning the passenger fares.

Sharp Business

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Oct. 23 (UP).—The American Association has sent a message to Mr. Cordell Hull advising that the American evacuation will be a failure unless equitable steamship fares are announced immediately.

A group of American evacuees is considering—chartering the Taiyo Maru.

American businessmen welcomed the British evacuation advice because British business concerns have been capitalising the American evacuation by telling Chinese businessmen that it is useless to order American goods because the Americans will probably be unable to effect delivery. Consequently much American business has been switched to the British in the past fortnight.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

Small buyers were accommodated at slightly advanced prices.

Buyer

Union Ins. $385
Douglases $125
Docks (old) $15.75
Providents $4.50
Hotels $3.20
Lands $31.25
Realties $3.30
Trams $15.75
Electrics (old) $36.50
Electrics (new) $36.10
Telephones (old) $23.50
Telephones (new) $9.50
Cements $10
Ropes $6.20
Dairy Farms $17
Watsons $8.90

Sellers

H.K. Fire Ins. $150
Hotels $3.40
Ropes $6.50
Dairy Farms $17.50
Vibro Piling $8

Sales

Canton Ins. $175
Providents $4.50
Lands $30.75/80
Trams $16
Telephones (old) $23.75
Ropes $6.30

Allied Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that 63,265 tons of merchant shipping was lost to enemy action during the week ending October 13.

This comprised seven British ships totalling 32,370 tons; three Allied vessels of 17,537 tons and three neutral vessels of 13,358 tons. This compares with enemy claims that 122,041 tons had been sunk during the same period.

CANADIAN NAVY GROWING

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Router).—Six more large steam-driven minesweepers costing £120,000 each, have been ordered for the Royal Canadian Navy, says the Canadian Minister of Munitions, Mr. C. D. Howe.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 minesweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.

Death Of Mr. A. B. Stewart

Former Partner Of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Ltd.

The news was received by cable this morning of the death in London of Mr. A. B. Stewart, a partner of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Mr. Stewart, who was 52 years of age, had been suffering from a long illness.

The late Mr. Stewart, who was very well known in Hongkong, came East from Scotland in 1910. He spent five years with his firm in Tientsin before being transferred to the Colony, where he remained, but for one year in Shanghai, until 1935. He became a partner of the firm in that year, and proceeding Home, looked after the interests of the firm in England until 1939 when he retired to live in Pickmansworth, Herts.

Colony Golf Champion

Golf was Mr. Stewart's main recreation, and he was one of the leading players in this part of the world, winning the local Championship and playing Interport for Hongkong against Manila in 1924.

During his 20 years in Hongkong, Mr. Stewart maintained varied interests in both the commercial and social spheres. He was a Director of several local Companies, including the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Peak Tramways, Ltd.

Mr. Stewart's wife and two children survive him. They are at present resident in London.

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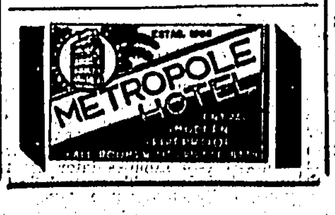
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The Imperial Airways Service between Hongkong and Bangkok is temporarily suspended. Air mail correspondence will be accepted at the existing rates of postage and will be forwarded by the first opportunity by steamer to Singapore to connect with the east and west bound air services.

An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hongkong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be $1.50 per ½ oz. for letters and $0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service should be superscribed "Via Rangoon" and bear the usual blue air mail label.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Australia and Manila Oct. 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 5th October) Oct. 24.
Sandakan Oct. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 4th October) Oct. 25.
Swatow Oct. 25.
Java and Manila Oct. 26.
Calcutta and Straits Oct. 27.
London and Straits Oct. 27.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service," San Francisco date 18th October. Oct. 27.
London and Straits Oct. 28.
U. S. A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 5th October). Oct. 28.
U.S.A., and Manila—(Seattle date, 30th September) Oct. 29.
Java and Manila Oct. 30.
London and Straits Oct. 30.
Australia and Manila Nov. 1.
Swatow. Nov. 2.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Wednesday, Oct. 23

Indo-China via Fort Bayard 2.30 p.m.
Straits and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Oct. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., ...Oct. 23, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 25
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Oct. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 25, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 25, 7.00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 26, 9.30 a.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, ...10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 26, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 27, Noon.
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and *United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Mail for Canada).
K. P. O.
Parcels Oct. 28, 4 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels Oct. 28, 4 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
K.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Sandakan. 6.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.
Letters Oct. 29 Noon.
Bangkok, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi 1.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)
Note:—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Oct. 31, 5 p.m.
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Ord. Nov. 1, 10 a.m.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

The Fifth Column

② They learned it in Spain

Col. William J. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer

This is the second of the sensational articles made public by U. S. A.'s Secretary Knox of the Navy Department at Washington, as part of the national defence programme..

When all allowance has been made for Hitler's superior armies, his resourcefulness, his daring, and the vital assistance by Germans living within the victim countries, his success can only be explained by another factor. This is nothing less than the presence among his enemies of what, since the Spanish Civil War, has been known as the "fifth column."

Since no country has ever been unanimous, a "fifth column" has existed potentially in every land in every war. But the despotic or totalitarian countries ruthlessly suppress it at home while exploiting it elsewhere.

It is in a democracy that the "fifth column" can function most freely and effectively. It remained for Adolf Hitler's genius to raise the creation, strengthening, organisation and activity of the "fifth column" in the countries that opposed him to a decisive weapon.

"We need armies. But we shall not use them as in 1914. The place of artillery will in the future be taken by revolutionary propaganda, to break down the enemy psychologically before the armies begin to function at all.

The enemy people must be demoralised and ready to capitulate before military action can even be thought of . . . mental confusion, indecisiveness, panic, these are our weapons. The history of revolutions . . . is always the same: The ruling classes capitulate. Why? Defeatism: They no longer have the will to conquer."

The propaganda machine for creating and sustaining a "fifth column,"—again according to Hitler's confessed theory—is of a double nature.

No one side it aims at influencing the masses. For this purpose Hitler in the present war utilises his radio traitors. Lord Haw Haw for the English, Ferdonnet for the French, and to some extent, particularly in the last two years, communist agitators whom he tricked or corrupted into serving him. But for the classes he had a much more subtle bait. As he himself put it:

"The results at which I aim are only to be obtained by the systematic corruption of the possessing and governing classes. Business advantages, erotic satisfactions and ambition, are the three main stops in our propaganda organ."

How did this work in the various countries?

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In the bloodless conquest of Austria, "fifth column" Austrian leaders like Seyss-Inquart, dupes like Guido Schmidt, played a decisive part.

While the discontent of the masses was whipped up to enthusiasm in favour of Nazi Germany, agents like Franz von Papen skilfully convinced leading Austrians that only through Hitler could their secret aspirations be fulfilled.

The Slovaks, who had suffered their bondage under Hungary, could be duped. But Czechs and Poles could not. Both peoples had lived far too long cheek to jowl with Prussians to have the slightest doubt as to Hitler's real intentions.

There was no strong "fifth column" among the Czechs and Poles; a few Czech agrarians, the former Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck. The Czechs were finally conquered by French betrayal, the Poles by the armed might of a nation three or four times as strong.

To see the "fifth column" in full swing one had to wait for the attack on democratic countries.

In Norway there is little doubt but that "fifth column" activities contributed to the success of the German blitz attack and were responsible for the quick collapse of all organised resistance.

Major and former National Defence Minister Quisling had been, if not actually in the pay of German Nazis, at least in close contact with them for years.

His success in stabbing Norway in the back can be traced (A) to the fear of Socialism carefully fostered among leading Norwegians by Nazi propaganda and (B) to the fact that numerous appointments to high army commands had been made by Quisling's intimate friend.

There is some reason to believe that the electrically controlled mines guarding the inner harbour of Oslo were put out of action by another highly placed Norwegian traitor.

In view of the efficiency of relatively weak coastal defences, it is safe to say that without "fifth column" activity in Norway, the Norwegian resistance would have lasted several days and the invasion conceivably failed altogether.

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In Holland the "fifth column" was more numerous than effective. This was doubtless due to its open character. The five odd per cent. of all Dutchmen organised in Mussert's Dutch National Socialist Party for years provided the Nazis with military and economic information.

But the Dutch Government had little enough to conceal. The Dutch National Socialists did what they could do to welcome, assist and succour the invading German parachutists and air-borne infantry, and somewhat half-heartedly took part in the German attacks upon the Dutch police and army. But of themselves they were relatively ineffective.

In Belgium, without the shadow of a doubt, Flemings loyal to Hitler betrayed the main defences of the Albert Canal and opened not only their country, but Holland as well, to German invasion.

An eyewitness, the wife of a patriotic Belgian customs authority stationed on the Dutch frontier nearby, reported how Flemish soldiers deliberately neglected to blow the bridges over the canal which had been constructed primarily as a barrier to invasion.

Others took to their heels at the sight of the first German. In all the towns, pro-German Flemings and Rexists of Degrelle spread stories of the uselessness of the war, the strength of Germany and the futility of resistance.

Others threw the villages into panic, creating hordes of refugees whose presence on the roads southward slowed and even prevented the advance of the French and British Armies that were coming to Belgium's assistance.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"No, no, dear that thermometer is just to test the temperature of the WATER!"

HEROES OF "THE BUMPER TRIP"

By A. J. McWhinnie

THE convoy boys who run Hitler's gauntlet in the Channel little more than a dozen miles from his long-range guns call it "the bumper trip."

And when their ships are safely through the multiple perils of the narrow Straits of Dover, they say, "It's still the *English* Channel."

I'd back the daring, the coolness, the courage of the convoy boys against any heroes in the world.

I've done "the bumper trip." I've seen our sailors—both R.N. and Merchant Navy—accepting 1,000 miles an hour shells from the shore batteries, bombing, Nazi mines, E-boats and U-boats as just part of the day's work, though they are on the most dangerous run in the world.

But it needs more than daring to keep the waterways of the English Channel safely open, in spite of all Hitler's tricks.

The daring men must have the latest weapons. And behind it all must be careful planning.

All-Weapon Convoy

There was a special significance about that convoy which beat Germany's guns, bombers, mines, E-boats and U-boats the other day.

It was one of our "all-weapon convoys"—ready for anything.

And the whole world knows now that our all-weapon convoy got through.

Not a word leaked out about the nature of this convoy. I was pledged to secrecy with everybody else. I could not even telephone my news editor and tell him that I was sailing on "the bumper trip."

He only knew I was at sea. He didn't know I was in the shelled and bombed convoy until my story was coming through over the phone after we had reached port.

Before we sailed, the crews of the warships escorting the convoy were addressed by their captains.

They were told that they were doing "the bumper trip" under special circumstances and that they would be at "action stations" right through the run.

We know our ships can get through the Channel under cover of darkness. But that is not sufficient.

The convoys must get through in broad daylight, under clear skies, facing every weapon of the enemy with an effective antidote. And that is just what they are doing. I saw them do it. I sailed with them.

We expected those long-range guns on the French coast to roar their shells at us. Up on the bridge of an escort vessel they were taking bearings of the flashes which revealed the situation of the shore batteries.

Then our bombers went out to deal with that side of the business.

New Defences

Meanwhile, our warships were trying out a new smoke screen development. We're well pleased with the result under its first baptism of fire.

We have the measure, now, of the enemy's dive-bombing tactics. Only by dive-bombing can they be reasonably certain of scoring direct hits.

So our convoys are now protected against dive-bombing attacks. Each convoy carries kites on "the bumper trip." They are the barrage balloons of the sea.

Then there are the all-purpose guns of the destroyers—the big guns—and there are the pom-poms, as well as the Lewis guns which are also carried in every ship in the convoy—from cargo liners down to little, grimy colliers.

The Spitfires and the Hurricanes are quick off the mark whenever the enemy gets after our convoy ships. They proved it when shelling gave way to bombing on this trip. And they are still proving it now.

Those E-Boats

So much for the attack from the air.

You hear a lot about E-boats. The E. stands simply for enemy motor-torpedo boats. We've got the measure of those, too. Our destroyers and our own M.T.B.s have got their answer ready for signal, "Prepare to repel enemy M.T.B. attack."

And more than once in the past few weeks they have given the answer.

Then U-boats. It wouldn't surprise the Royal Navy at all if there is a sudden wave of U-boats playing a part in Hitler's fight for supremacy in the Channel.

We have the secret Asdic apparatus carried by the escorting warships.

And what the Asdic picks up in the way of U-boats our depth charges can blow to smithereens beneath the sea.

Every ship in convoy these days has been degaussed against magnetic mines. Contact and floating mines we deal with by rifle fire and bullets from our machine-guns. We dealt with six when I was on "the bumper trip."

Then there are other secret answers to Germany's new weapons. In addition, there are secret weapons of our own.

And for whatever Hitler thinks up next our scientific and engineering experts will have the job of finding an antidote.

The Antidote

After the speed with which we were able to smash his theory that his magnetic mines were invincible, there is not the slightest reason for swerving from the essential fact of every war—that whatever new weapons emerge there will always be an antidote.

The escort vessel from which I saw all the Channel battle is one of our crack warships. There are very few parts of the ship where there isn't something which is on the "hush-hush" list.

What a difference from the earlier stages of the war at sea. Then, as in other phases of the struggle against aggression, we weren't ready.

But the scientists, the inventors, the engineers, the shipyard workers and the skilled craftsmen have been "going to it."

They are the unknown men behind "the bumper trip."

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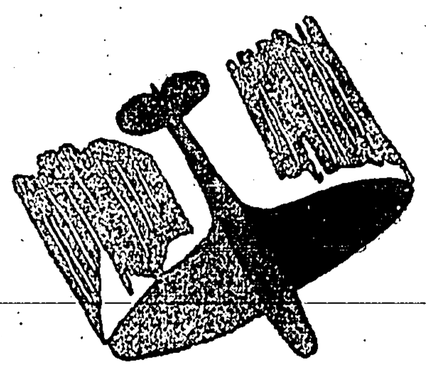
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DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

A GALLUP Poll at the present time to discover the most unpopular—and, let it be said the least envied—institution in Hongkong would almost assuredly give first place to the Evacuation Advisory Committee. Its original task of issuing evacuation orders has been invidious; its second job of turning down appeals distasteful.

By and large the committee has tackled its work well and has clearly attempted to remain consistent to the principle of "exceptional circumstances merit exceptional treatment." That it has not, perhaps, entirely succeeded in this aim can be set down as regrettable but not damning. Chief difficulty confronting the committee has been that all the appellants, *ipso facto*, are convinced that their cases are exceptional, but it has been made abundantly clear from the testimonies given that very few indeed really come under this heading, providing, of course the evacuation itself is not considered as exceptional. Close reading of the appeals heard to date convinces that in the main the decisions have been fair and reasonable. A somewhat too strict interpretation of the terms of reference might have been made in one or two cases, notably where an appeal has been made for the temporary return of people for the purpose of re-embarking for Australia.

We do confess, however, to feeling a strong twinge of doubt concerning the precedent created yesterday when permission was given for a woman to return to the Colony for the purpose of conducting her husband's business. The circumstances appear to be more unfortunate than exceptional, and the danger of the committee's decision is in the implication that while personal interests must go to the wall, business considerations are to be pandered.

The necessity of Hongkong doing its utmost to carry on its commerce and industry during these trying times cannot be over-emphasised; but we have yet to be convinced that it is necessary to recall evacuated women for this purpose, especially in view of the overloaded unemployment market which exists here. There are literally dozens of well educated, intelligent, and eager young Chinese in the Colony who would jump at the opportunity of filling these vacancies. This is the time to offer them the chance of proving their abilities, and it would make some contribution, however small, to alleviating our unemployment problem.

Open Letter to Lord Halifax

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones
(Vicar of Denton, Manchester).

"You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?"

MY LORD,—People have been saying sarcastic things about your speeches, and have dubbed them "platitudinous sermons." I am not going to join in that criticism.

I am glad that you have had the courage at least to try to lift this conflict on to the plane of ideals.

Nation after nation has gone down because its people have had no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish.

You are one of the few statesmen who have tried to give the people of this country an ideal worth fighting for. If there is criticism in this letter, my Lord, I mean it to be constructive, not carping.

You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?

PAGAN HORROR

I know that you, like your father before you, are an Anglo-Catholic. You cannot, of course, mean that we are fighting for Anglo-Catholicism, or, indeed, for any kind of "ism."

If so, the sooner we capitulate the better.

You must mean by Christianity, a way of life, and when you oppose it to Nazism you mean we are fighting for a particular method of organising our national life, and you call it Christianity.

Nazism is a way of organising national life; it is a brutal way, a slave way, a pagan way. Over against that you set up our method —the way of love, of freedom, fellowship, justice and brotherliness. You call it Christianity.

Now, my Lord, will you answer this question? Do you think that our country in the past has been organised on Christian principles?

Before this pagan horror called Nazism arose, was Britain the embodiment of Christian principles?

Take your mind back to 1927. There were nearly two million unemployed. Was that Christianity? Are we fighting to get that back?

When I was a curate in Durham there were hundreds of my people whose homes were one room. They were miners, mostly out of work.

Rearing their heads above these slums were the sumptuous houses of the deans and dignitaries of the Cathedral.

Burned upon my mind is a picture of a little child asleep in a bed with a corpse, and in the same room a man with four other children eating a frugal meal.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, that shipload of oranges from Spain which, just before the war, was emptied into the sea off Liverpool to keep up prices?

On that sultry summer day there were children in Lancashire to whom oranges were an unattainable luxury.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, Sir John Orr's report, just before the war, on "Food, Health and Income"? That report proved by irrefutable figures that millions of British children were seriously underfed.

My Lord—Is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

If we are fighting for Christianity, let us tell the people exactly what we mean by Christianity.

In the midst of war, we must not try to fob people off with vacuous words. Official Christianity has tried to do that, and has turned a blind eye to the social demands of Jesus.

He once went to dinner with some people, my Lord, of your class. He could not endure it when He saw them scrambling for the best seats, and ignoring the hungry crowds.

He turned on them with flaming words of anger.

JUSTICE & FREEDOM

One of the well-to-do spoke unctuously about heaven, and of the glory above the sky. Jesus would have none of it.

His concern was with humanity here and now.

Tell the people that, when you say we are fighting for Christianity, you are not thinking so much of the making of prayers and the making of creeds, but of the making of a New Britain.

Tell them that by Christianity you mean first justice for all, so that none of God's children shall ever again be exploited or treated as a mere tool for another man's gain.

Tell them that Christianity stands for freedom—freedom not only from foreign tyrants but from anxiety and worry and poverty and unemployment.

Tell them that Christianity stands for true human brotherhood, in family, in group, in nation, and finally among the whole body of nations.

Those are the demands which are implied in Christianity, and they have not been conspicuous in the Britain of the last twenty years.

Your Lordship may say that is not the time for such talk. We are too busy winning the war to think of what sort of world shall emerge after the war.

There will be no winning of the war, my Lord, unless the people who are fighting this war know exactly what they are fighting for.

Men with ideals make the best soldiers. Cromwell proclaimed that.

"NEVER AGAIN"

People of this generation have been "sold a pup" once before like that. They were told to win the Great War first, and talk of aims afterwards.

They were hypnotised by vague talk of "homes for heroes," while all the time their rulers were making secret treaties which pinned the people down for another decade to the old evils of the old bad pre-war world.

We want to know that that shall never happen again.

Will you broadcast again, my Lord, and will you tell your listeners that over against the Fascist and Nazi system which is trying to drive the world back to barbarism by perpetuating the class slavery of the servile poor, we are fighting for Christianity?

Then tell them what Christianity means; no more unemployment, no longer the motive of private gain, but service for the good of the community.

Tell them it means pity, mercy, kindness, love and the interpretation of these glad virtues in every detail of public life.

Tell them, in a word, that Christianity means loving God with all our heart—and that means loving the good within humanity—and the setting forth of that Divine Love, by loving man with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

That is an ideal worth fighting for, but even as we fight we want to know that it is guaranteed, and our fight will be short, sharp, impassioned and victorious.

You understand, I am sure, what I mean.

We within the Churches have allowed people to imagine, when we talk of Christianity, that it is wholly to do with worship and hymn-singing, and some sort of perpetual harp-accompanied worship in heaven. We know that that is wrong.

THE GREAT IDEAL

Christianity stands for social justice. Hitler knows that. For that very reason he persecutes the Church, and the Jews, who gave us the Bible.

He is fighting against Christianity, and he has enough sense to know that Christianity rightly applied, means the end of all the beastly horrors for which he stands.

Germany persecutes the Church because it is—or might be—the breeding ground of equality and brotherhood.

But there is another danger, the danger of trying to turn Christianity into other-worldliness.

Russia has persecuted religion because the Churches of Russia had set forth a Christianity which was not brotherly enough, which was a drug, an opiate.

Let the people see, my Lord, that we are out for the genuine article when we speak of Christianity.

We want to see the type of Christianity which Hitler hates firmly established in this land.

When the clergy, of whom I am one, set forth the pure, life-transforming religion of Jesus, and when the ruling classes, whom you represent, make it clear that they are not going to rest until that pure ideal is established here, our people will fight not merely with the weapons of the flesh, but with those mightier weapons of the Spirit, which are invincible.

And the victory will be won.

ROOSEVELT AND WILLKIE

By Julius C. Edelstein
United Press Staff Correspondent

The National presidential campaign, suffering somewhat from lack of attention because of the crashing of bombs in Europe, has gotten underway, with President Roosevelt given a slightly better chance to win than Wendell Willkie, his colourful Republican opponent.

Wagers made by professional betters listed Roosevelt as an 8 to 5 favourite, as the September campaign opened. The heavy odds are explained as discounting the initial burst of popular enthusiasm which greeted Willkie's entrance into the political arena.

Political observers generally agree, however, that there is more uncertainty in the forthcoming campaign than in any political race of the last decade, and that the battle on the Thames may well decide the outcome of the United States presidential election in November.

Political experts believe, however, that Britain's vigorous resistance to the German air onslaught through the months following the French collapse have measurably improved Roosevelt's election prospects, or at least, have eliminated some of the uncertain factors.

Many observers believed that if Britain collapsed, or negotiated an unfavourable peace with Germany before the early Autumn, a reaction would set in throughout the United States which might help to unseat the present administration.

The British resistance has given no opportunity for the growth of what the President has called the "appeasement spirit" in the United States.

The Republican candidate, however, has rebuked every suggestion or intimation that he represents the philosophy of appeasement. He has pledged himself to wage an economic battle against Hitler, and to defeat him "on our own terms," if elected.

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Despite the optimism of Democratic leaders, there is no concealment of the fact that a vast unrest prevails throughout the nation, which will undoubtedly be translated into many more votes for Willkie than Republican candidate Alf. M. Landon got in 1936.

A large unemployment persists, despite billions of dollars which the Roosevelt Administration has spent to "prime the pump" of industry.

Big business and a considerable portion of little business is completely antagonistic to that portion of the New Deal's social reforms which have placed new burdens and restrictions on their particular enterprises.

The war has also caused a split among many of Roosevelt's liberal and independent followers. Some of them, formerly among his most enthusiastic advocates, have turned cool because of his pro-British foreign policy which they assert is leading the United States toward war.

John L. Lewis, Congress of Industrial Organisation leader and a figure in the ranks of organised labour, has repeatedly criticised many of Roosevelt's defence policies, and especially the policy of compulsory military training. It is highly doubtful whether Lewis would be able to swing any considerable organised labour support to Willkie, but the disaffection is bound to weaken Roosevelt's support.

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Some liberal intellectuals have swung over to Willkie on the grounds that the preservation of the two-term tradition was more important than either the continuation of the New Deal, or the guidance of experience in the present world crisis.

Willkie has, in the preliminary stages, waged an intelligent campaign according to the most impartial judgments. He has made the most of his advantages, and has jabbed incessantly at weak points in the Roosevelt armour.

He has stood unequivocally for aid to Britain, and support of all measures for national defence, both of which he believes are widely popular. He has aimed his chief appeal at independent and middle-of-the-road voters, counting as already won the extremely conservative votes.

He has been pleasantly informal in his contacts with the press, and friendly and amiable in his associations with politicians.

By spending most of his time in the interior of the country he has sought to shake the accusation that he is a Wall Street lawyer, and a New York corporation spokesman.

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Despite all these political moves, Roosevelt appears at present to have a decided advantage. He still has the loyalty of the large bulk of youths, Jewish groups, Negroes, anti-Nazis, and tenant farmers.

America Registers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UP).—Major provisions of the Conscription Bill passed by the Senate are:

Who Must Register And How

With few exceptions, all men who have passed their 21st birthday and have not reached their 31st birthday, must register. This applies to citizens and aliens alike; but aliens will not be subject to draft unless they have declared their intention to become U.S. citizens. The fact that a person has dependents does not exempt him from registration.

Election officials throughout the land will conduct the registration, probably 14 days after final enactment of the bill. It is estimated that 12,000,000 men must register.

Exemptions From Registration

Specifically exempt from registration are active, reserve and cadet members of the Army, National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; members of the Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service; officials, but not employees, of the Federal and State Governments.

Who Will Be Drafted

The bill permits 900,000 conscripts to be in training at any one time. About 400,000 probably will be drafted this autumn. A lottery will determine the order in which men will be called before local draft boards throughout the country for determination whether they should be inducted into the army.

The bill gives the President broad powers to lay down regulations for the boards to follow in deciding whom to select. The Army says it does not intend to take any men who have dependents or who are employed in essential industrial or agricultural pursuits. College students probably will not be drafted. The bill exempts divinity students for service. Physical fitness of course will be considered.

The Army estimates that after deferments for these reasons there will be about 4,500,000 able-bodied, single men from whom to select. Each state and locality will be given a quota in proportion to the total manpower it registers. In brief, those to be drafted will be mostly single men with unimportant jobs or no jobs.

Appeals

Boards will be set up to hear appeals from men who wish to contest their selection by the local draft boards.

Penalties

To evade the draft, and assist anyone to do so, would be punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and $10,000 fine, or both. The cases would be heard in the Federal courts rather than by military courts, which decided world war draft cases.

Length Of Service

The one year period could be extended indefinitely if the country became engaged in war or Congress declared the national interest was imperilled. Conscripts would become members of the reserves after completing their year of active duty. Almost all the conscripts will be taken into the army; the navy may take a few later.

Conscientious Objectors

Exempted from military service, if they can prove to the Department of Justice that their objections are based on legitimate religious scruples. The President could assign such objectors, however, to non-combatant service.

Pay

For the first four months of their year's training, draftees would receive $21 a month. For the next eight, they would receive $30, unless they won promotion to higher grades at slightly higher pay. The original bill provided pay of $5 a month.

Use of Conscripts

Permitted only in the Western Hemisphere, the United States, its territories and possessions, including the Philippine Islands. The provision was inserted to prevent the dispatch of a conscript army to Europe.

Job Protection

Conscripts on the Federal Government's payroll would be guaranteed the return of their jobs without loss of seniority. Congress expresses its desire that state and local governmental subdivisions follow suit. Private employers would be required to rehire conscripts, unless it is impossible or unreasonable for them to do so. Draftees denied re-employment could appeal to Federal Court for a judicial ruling.

Debt Protection

The bill provides a moratorium on tax and insurance charges for which draftees are liable until after their training period.



SEEKING SAFETY—British nurses carrying babies to safety after Hitler's night raiders razed part of children's hospital, in London. Babies seem cheerful despite bandages.

Italian Warship Is Blown Up In Red Sea

LONDON, OCT. 22, (REUTER).—THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED AGROUND AND WAS BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an Admiralty communique issued to-night, giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of October 20, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase. Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley, commanded by Lieut.-Cmdr. J. S. M. Richardson, R.N., regained touch at daylight and, engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo. After an action lasting 40 minutes, the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired by the Kimberley.

The Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed. The Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two of the three guns.

In this spirited action the Kimberley sustained three wounded and the next of kin will be informed immediately.

No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage.

Another Destroyer

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An Italian destroyer in the Red Sea was attacked yesterday by Royal Air Force bombers and a direct hit on the vessel's stern was scored.

This was only part of the widespread operations by British Air Force in the Middle East yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

Between Sollum and Buy, low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles were destroyed by fire and others were severely damaged.

Further bombing raids were made on Asmara and Gura in Eritrea when tanks near workshops were hit and buildings were set on fire.

Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana), aerodrome causing three explosions. At Tessenei direct hits were registered on buildings.

An Italian plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. aircraft was chased for 30 miles. The Italian bomber was last seen losing height rapidly and emitting black smoke from its fuselage.

In a recent engagement over the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier, a fighter plane of the South African Air Force shot down an Italian Caproni bomber the crew of which were taken prisoner.

There were a number of enemy planes over Malta yesterday but they fled without attempting to attack when they were intercepted by British fighters.

Alexandria Attack

Alexandria, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Alexandria early this morning. One person was slightly injured. Very slight damage was caused, stated an Admiralty communique.

Enemy Ship Bombed

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off Hook of Holland by a R.A.F. plane this afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel, the British bomber dived through the cloud and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.

Earl Of Athlone

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the latter returned from his weekend visit to President Roosevelt's Hyde Park residence.

LABOUR DEMANDS IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Complete overhaul of Australian war and home defence administrations and an increase in soldiers' pay are among the demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are outlined in a letter handed to Mr. R. G. Menzies, Premier, by Mr. John Curtin, Labour leader, at the conference of Party managers which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session this morning. There was another meeting later to hear Mr. Menzies' reply to the Labour demands.

Historic Decision

Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, stated that the decision to set up an Australian War Council was a "historic one and significant of the united determination of the Australian people and political parties to do the utmost in the war in which their very existence is at stake."

The Council presided over by the Prime Minister will comprise four members representing the Government and four representing the Opposition. Its task will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

The Labour Party has agreed to place the service of its individual members at the disposal of the Ministers for the prosecution of the war.

Composition of Council

CANBERRA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An important step for the realisation of Party political unity in Australia for the prosecution of the war was made by the conference of Party managers which has accepted the Labour-Party-proposal-for-the-formation of an Australian War Council.

Labour members of the Council will comprise three from the official Labour Party and one from the non-Communist Labour Party.

The Council, over which the Prime Minister (Mr. R. G. Menzies) will preside, will be established without delay.

The Prime Minister revealed in a Press interview that he had offered the combined Labour Parties 50 per cent. of the portfolios in the National Government a week ago but this matter had not been discussed further.

GEORGE MEDALS

Air Raid Warden's Courage

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden, who although wounded in an air raid struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal, it is announced in the "London Gazette."

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman, to members of the Bristol and Cardiff Fire Brigades and Auxiliary Fire Services and to the Chief Officer of the Milford-Haven Fire Brigade.

The medal of the Order of the British Empire is awarded to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and to a member of the Newport Fire Brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during a very serious fire started by an air attack. While it was being fought, there were air raids day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed.

THE NEW ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The war can never be won without a military decision in the east or the west or on both fronts, and that is why we are building up a great army," said Lord Croft, Under Secretary of War, in London to-day.

"It must be an army of superior efficiency. If the army is a happy family there will be no Maginot complex."

Free France Generals Meet In Africa

DUALA, Cameroons, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, the capital of the Cameroons, and at Fort Lamy, the capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population, local chiefs often coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving movement of the whole tour was the meeting at the Governor's Headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Georges Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who came specially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and to bring new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again and General de Gaulle is back at Duala.

Socialist Manifesto

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The Socialists of France are convinced that England fights alone—to—defend the freedom of the entire world against the monstrous attempt to enslave it made by Hitler and Mussolini. They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party, which has just reached here.

Berlin Comment

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France is described by political circles in Berlin to-day as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally."

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without a chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction."

Weygand at Fez

Vichy, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Weygand flew to Fez yesterday to review troops of the local garrison, states the Vichy radio.

Anti-Axis Feeling

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The anti-Axis movement in unoccupied France is described by a writer in the Swiss paper, "National Zeitung."

The anti-British feeling which followed the collapse of France and the incidents at Oran and Dakar, he says, has been replaced by growing sympathy.

For a long time the French people could not understand why their countrymen bearing a white flag were fired on at Dakar. They now believe that the order to fire was given by the Germans.

While Marshal Petain is anxious to check anti-British feeling, the writer says that he is opposed by M. Laval and M. Baudouin, who are staking everything on the Nazi cards.

DESERT WARFARE

MOSLEMS NOT EAGER TO FIGHT BRITISH

With the British Army in the Western Desert, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—There is a marked strengthening of British defences in the western desert.

At present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered by General Graziani soon.

Italian planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the Royal Air Force daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Ben Ghazi. The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on the desert camps which are excellently camouflaged; hence casualties are small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be Second-in-Command, has encountered difficulties in preparing troops for a further advance into Egypt as Moslem troops are reluctant to invade the country. Many of Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica and were conscripted. Large numbers of the Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe, which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Delayed By Feasts

It appears that the advance is likely to be delayed until after the feasts of Ramadan and Bairam which conclude in 16 days.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system.

Great underground defences works have been constructed. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment and bombing Italians have to drop bombs at random.

The New Zealand troops are particularly pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

The Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving their herds and flocks before them. They are no embarrassment to the military authorities as they are nomadic and can find a living almost anywhere.

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to the United States, was received by the King to-day.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill, who remained to lunch.

Joseph P. Kennedy's Farewell Message

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter.)—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador in London, left for Lisbon to-day. From there he will take the clipper for America.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy, he said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was the inspection of a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in the grounds of his country house, where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Mr. Beverley Baxter.

Mr. Baxter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family, he captured the imagination of the British public. Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

Remained U.S. Envoy

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home, he did not play the role we had perhaps rather foolishly expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one. The result was that his popularity underwent a slump, but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back. It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring. He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day had a slow session, and although there was generally an easier disposition there were no signs of selling.

Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

Polish Patriot Dead

Nazi Torture Alleged

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, Maciej Rataj, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago, but news has only just become known.

The official German version is "Death from heart failure," but according to London Polish circles he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political Party, the Radical Peasants' Party.

New A.D.C.-General To The King

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—A new honour for British Army leaders is announced by the War Office to-night in the form of following appointments as Aides-de-Camp General to the King.

General Viscount Gort with effect from July 20 in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson with effect from June 6 in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew who has retired from the active list.

General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1 in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list.

French Building Fortifications Close To The Thailand Border

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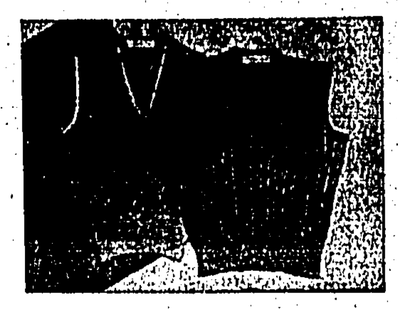
BANGKOK, Oct. 22 (UP).—Travellers from Ankor Vat report that the French are rapidly building strong frontier fortifications and are blockading all roads.

They said there are numerous Thai troops at Aranya; however, there are few fortifications on the Thai side of the frontier. Vernacular newspapers also report there are secret troop movements each night on the French side of the northeastern frontier.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Colonel Luang Prom Yodhi, heading a goodwill mission, has returned from Japan and, it is believed, will be reporting to the Council of Ministers to-morrow.

This evening, 3,000 students of the Catholic Colleges made a demonstration.

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Advice To Britons To Leave Japanese Areas

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying in the country, would obviously be well advised to leave "while the going is good" although there has been no question of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, putting into effect his emergency scheme for evacuation, said well-informed quarters in London to-day.

There has been no change in the immediate situation and British subjects who have businesses, are carrying on to the best of their ability.

Shanghai Will Wait

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The news that the British authorities are advising Britons who have no special reason for staying in Japanese occupied areas of China, to leave, has been received calmly.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Loth To Leave

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months.

There are about 1,700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

Evacuation Confirmed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is officially confirmed that the British authorities have advised British subjects, not only in Japan, but in the Japanese occupied areas of China to depart unless they have urgent reasons to the contrary.

They emphasized, however, that no general instructions have been given, and there is no question of compulsion. The authorities deprecated the alarming interpretations regarding the move and compared it as being similar to the movement of Japanese residents in the United Kingdom.

Evacuation Tribunal

Mrs. D. G. Frost writes to point out that we erroneously reported that she appeared before the Evacuation Tribunal yesterday for exemption, whereas it was to advise the Tribunal that she had written to the Secretary of State for the Colonies putting her case before him and that she would remain in Hongkong until she had received a reply from him. We are sorry if our report created any misunderstanding.

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"BLITZ-BALL" HAVING ITS SECOND WAR-TIME SEASON IN ENGLAND

66 Teams Compete In Two Sections: Air Raids Are Big Hazard

(By H. L. PERCY, "United Press" Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Oct. 1 (UP).—Professional Association Football in Britain has started its second war-time season along lines which the "fans" are calling "blitz-ball."

Air-raids are the big hazard in all matches. All games must stop directly the warning goes, and if there is no resumption before the "all clear", then the goal-score when the game was stopped stands as the result. There are no replays, and goal-averages, not points, count in the championship tables this season.

Hence, a quick goal in the first minute might decide a match if the warning sounded immediately afterwards. And, therefore, all teams try to notch up as many goals as they can right from the kick-off. For instance, Arsenal beat Southend 7-1 on August 31, when the season opened, all the scoring being done in the first half. Hence the "Blitz-ball."

The new system, it is hoped, will produce brighter football since it is no longer sufficient to get a lead and then play entirely on the defensive. Both sides must attack all the time to get as many goals as possible, for they never know when the sirens may bring a halt.

Many Changes

The war has made big and revolutionary changes in the professional football set-up. Before the war the English League was divided into four graded divisions. Each had its own championships on a basis of points, and there was promotion and relegation from one division to another. There was also the Football Association cup competition in which all the clubs played on equal terms.

With the start of the war football ceased for a while, until a make-shift scheme was devised. About two dozen clubs closed themselves down "for the duration", but the remainder were split into six geographical sections, irrespective of their former standing in the league.

This was not particularly successful, for not only did it provide too many tame matches between "giants" and "lambs"—but the sections had completed their double-header fixtures long before the season was over.

New Arrangement

A re-distribution of the teams was then made, still geographical but more equal in strength, and what was called a war competition was started. This was not a straight knockout tournament like the peace time cup competition. Instead every team played every other team in its section twice, at home and away, and the total goal-score decided the issue.

Eventually, the four section champions met in two semi-finals and a final. West Ham beat Blackburn Rovers 1-0 in the final at Wembley stadium.

But still managers found football was not paying, and gate receipts were hitting new lows. There were several reasons for this. For instance, when, at the start of the war, mass air attacks were generally expected, the Government put a strict limit on the size of crowds, in or out of doors. Later it was relaxed to a minimum of 15,000 for out-door gatherings, and then still further relaxed according to the capacity of the ground.

Another reason was that with the spurt in war production, the British working man no longer had his Saturday afternoon free. Instead of yelling himself hoarse in the bleachers of his favourite team, he was either in the army or busy turning out guns, planes and shells.

Lack Of Players

A third reason was that clubs were hard put to find even medium class players to put in the field, for the young, fit footballers were among the first to be snapped up by the fighting forces.

The season closed last May, and the football authorities immediately started planning for the new season. Their plans were nearly wrecked when Hitler started his aerial blitzkrieg on June 18, and it seemed that all such out-door gatherings would have to be stopped on account of the frequency and danger of daylight raids.

At the last minute, however, the Ministry of Home Security relented, but issued some general instructions to which clubs must adhere. These were:—

1. The match must be suspended till the "raiders passed" (all clear) is sounded.

2. The crowd must take shelter in the stadium, and must not leave for shelters elsewhere. But any body is at liberty to go home.

3. The match must not be abandoned unless the warning is given shortly before the end, or the stadium possesses no shelter.

Season Underway

Thus, the second war season has got underway. Sixty-six teams are competing, compared with 88 in the peace-time league. They are divided into two groups only, North and South, the line of division being roughly across the middle of England. There are 32 teams in the northern section, and 34 in the southern.

Crowds on the opening day were not large at any of the matches but this cannot be attributed to the possibility of air-raids. London alone on that day had a record number of alarms (7), yet there was a sufficiently long break between them for all of the five matches in London to be played without interruption. No matches in any other part of the country were interrupted either.

The two sections, which have programme arranged up to the end of December, are composed as follows:—

NORTH. — Barnsly, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford, Bradford City, Burnley, Bury, Chester, Doncaster Rovers, Everton, Grimsby, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull City, Leeds United, Lincoln City, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, New Brighton, Newcastle, Oldham Athletic, Preston North End, Rochdale, Rotherham United, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southport, Stockport County, Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham and York City.

SOUTH.—Aldershot, Arsenal, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton & Hove, Bristol City, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Clapton Orient, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Leicester City, Luton Town, Mansfield, Millwall, Northampton, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Nottingham County, Portsmouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Reading, Southampton, Southend United, Stoke City, Swansea Town, Tottenham Hotspur, Walsall, Watford, West Bromwich Albion and West Ham.



TRIUMPHANT REDS—Victory by the Reds over the Phillies gave them the pennant in the National Baseball League, and then they went on to beat Detroit Tigers, American League pennant-winners, in one of the closest World Series in recent years by four matches to three. Here, Manager Bill McKechnie is swung aloft in the dressing room by the exuberant players.

Rugby

Army Make Changes For Saturday

Berry To Play At Full Back

Army have made several changes in their first Rugby fifteen to meet Police Rugby Union Football Club at Boundary Street on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. most interesting of which is the selection of Pte. Berry, who has invariably played as a front-row forward, as full-back.

The threequarters and halves remain unchanged, but several newcomers appear in the pack. 22/Lt. Bompas, who turned out for Club last year, appears as a front row forward, while 2/Lt. Ford, who was full-back last Saturday against Club, will be hooker. Lt. Willoughby has been dropped and the remaing forwards are the same as played against Club on Saturday.

Capt. Hewitt, who played for Army first fifteen last season, and Cpl. Bedford, who gave a fine performance for the "A" fifteen last Saturday, are among the reserves.

The following is the Army fifteen, members of which are requested to be on the ground 15 minutes before the start of the game:—

Pte. Berry (Middlesex); L/Bdr. Richards (R.A.), Capt. J. A. H. Douglass (R. Scots), Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.) and Sgt. Marsh (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.) and 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.), 2/Lt. D. Ford (R. Scots), Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2 /Lt. H. A. W. Millar (R. Scots), 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); Capt. D. A. Duke (R. Scots), 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.) and 2/Lt. D. Pinkerton (R. Scots).

Reserves are Capt. Hewitt (Middlesex), Cpl. Bedford (Signals) Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.), Gnr. Giblin (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.).

The team will train at Happy Valley to-morrow evening at 5 p.m.

Club Fifteen

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club "A" at Rugby to-day against Royal Navy on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m.:—

J. Rogers, P. D. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. Van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo; C. M. Stark, R. C. Gairdner, R. E. Heasman; A. G. Dalziel, R. M. King; J. Moodie, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Hockey

Club Draw With Sappers 1-1

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Hongkong Hockey Club drew with the Royal Engineers, the score being 1-1.

Play in the first half was scrappy, and the Club players, who seemed to be on the slow side, missed many opportunities. Both teams settled down in the second period, and the standard of play reached a good level.

Shaw scored for the Sappers early in the second half, and Sidney Fowler equalised.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, both matches starting at 5 p.m.:

To-day, 2nd XI v. St Andrew's Fellowship.—Fishlock; Hentonstall and Railton; Smith, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Ireson and Bevan.

To-morrow, "A" XI. v. Hongkong University.—V. M. Benwell; J. H. Jordan and Saxby; R. Baldwin, Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD

SEMI-FINALS

The semi-final round matches in the Gutierrez Shield International Lawn Bowls Competition will be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club greens on Sunday, October 27, at 3 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:

Philippines or Australia v. England or Wales.

Ireland or Switzerland v. Scotland or India.

The second round matches will take place on Craigengower Cricket Club's green on Saturday at 3 p.m. instead of at 3.30 p.m. as previously advertised.

JOHORE GRAND PRIX IN AID OF WAR FUND

Malayan Motorists Organise Two-day Race Meet

AN EVENT UNIQUE in the annals of Malayan motoring will take place on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 when the Automobile Association of Malaya will stage, under the patronage of the Regent of Johore, the Johore Grand Prix Motor Races in aid of The War Fund.

The Grand Prix, for which the cream of Malayan motoring skill will compete, is a magnificent trophy presented by the Regent.

For the first time it will be possible for spectators in the grandstand to see the cars, starting level, fight it out over a 10-mile course, passing them six times as they lap the circuit.

Entry to the race will be by invitation only and fifteen invitations will be sent out to competitors who will compete as representatives from the States of Johore, Perak, and Selangor and from Penang and Malacca. As the Singapore and Johore branches of the Association are combined, it is unlikely that Singapore will be separately represented.

Included in these fifteen invitations is an invitation to the Royal Automobile Association of Thailand, asking it to send a representative competitor, so that an inter-State and international atmosphere will pervade the whole event.

It is understood that invitations have already been sent to several drivers who have proved their skill in Malayan Hill climbs and Speed Trials, including Lim Peng Han, P. K. Braid, Conrad Oldham, C. O. Jennings, N. G. Reddish, C. V. Crowther-Smith and Geoffrey Maund.

THE COURSE

THE course, which is almost ready, consists of a portion of the new Johore bye-pass road, and some connecting roads. It commences with a length of the bye-pass of approximately 1.5 miles, followed by five laps of a circuit which will be approximately 1.6 miles to the lap.

Half of this small circuit is on a connecting road on which overtaking will not be allowed. All overtaking will thus be upon the bye-pass which is a new road of good surface, and white lines pointed across the road will indicate the cut-out points at the approaches to the entrance of the circuit.

Voluntary practice will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and official compulsory practice will commence on Saturday, Nov. 16 and continue until 4 p.m. The first three scratch races will then follow.

First race, 4.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,100 c.c.

Second race, 5 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,500 c.c.

Third race, 5.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars of unlimited c.c.

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SUPERCHARGED cars will not be penalised and may remain in their correct primary class. Cars finishing in the first three in their scratch race will qualify for the semi-finals.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the semi-finals and final will be held as follows.

First race, 3 p.m.: Lowers' race. A handicap race open to any car not in the first three in the scratch race. The first car to finish will qualify for the semi-finals.

Second race, 3.30 p.m.: First semi-final. This will be a handicap race and will include one car at least from each of the scratch races, five cars in all competing.

Third race, 4 p.m.: Second semi-final. This will be similar to the other semi-final.

The two fastest cars in each of the semi-finals will qualify for the Grand Prix final as also will the faster third.

A tea interval will then follow and at 5 p.m. the scratch race for motor-cycles will be held.

At 5.30 p.m. the Grand Prix Final will follow as the climax of the meeting and will consist of seven laps instead of the usual five.

Cups will be presented for first, second and third places in the scratch races.

TABLE TENNIS

Wardens Contest

A table tennis match between A.R.P. Wardens of Yaumati "A" District and Shumshuipo "C" District was played on Saturday night at the Yuet Sou Middle School. The match resulted in a win for Yaumati by 5-2.

The following were the results, the players of the winning team being mentioned first:

Tsang Kan-bor beat Lo Cheuk-way 2-1; Tang Yu-wah lost to Wong Ting 0-2; Shek Iun lost to Chui Fook-cheung 0-2; Fung Cheung beat Lou Fok-hon 3-0; Tse Chun-hung beat Lo Kwan-wah 2-1; Yu Man-hoi beat Lo Kwok-chui 2-1; Wong Tai-woon beat Fung Sing-lam 2-0.

Cricket Club Teams For Week-End

The following will represent Hongkong Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st. XI. v. Kowloon C.C. (Away).—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Finnie R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. F. Grove, H. Owen-Hughes, J. L. Risley, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce, R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd. XI. v. Police (Home).—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brig. T. MacLeod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Tamworth.

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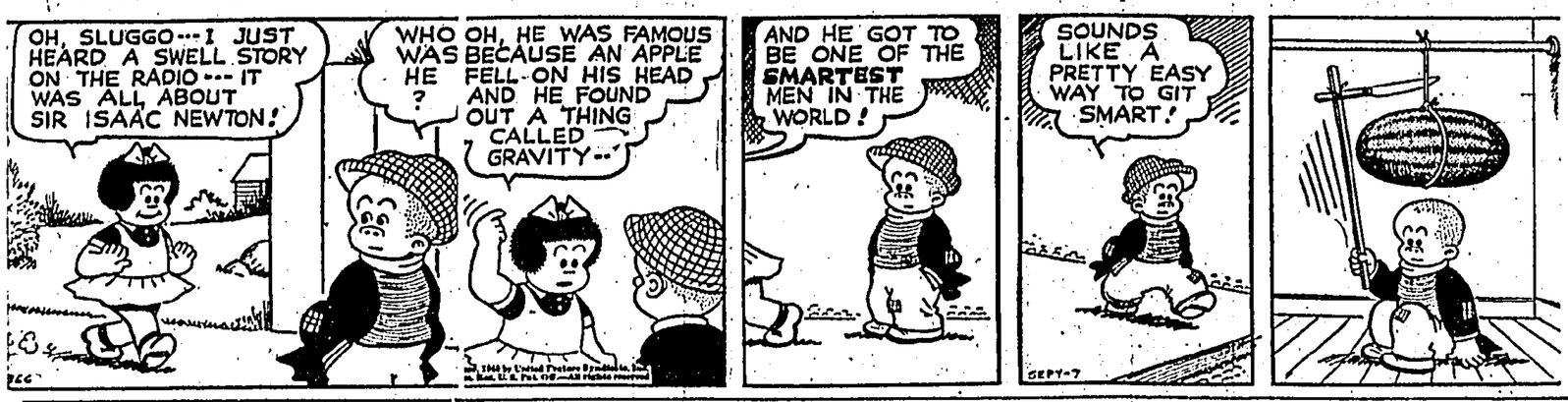
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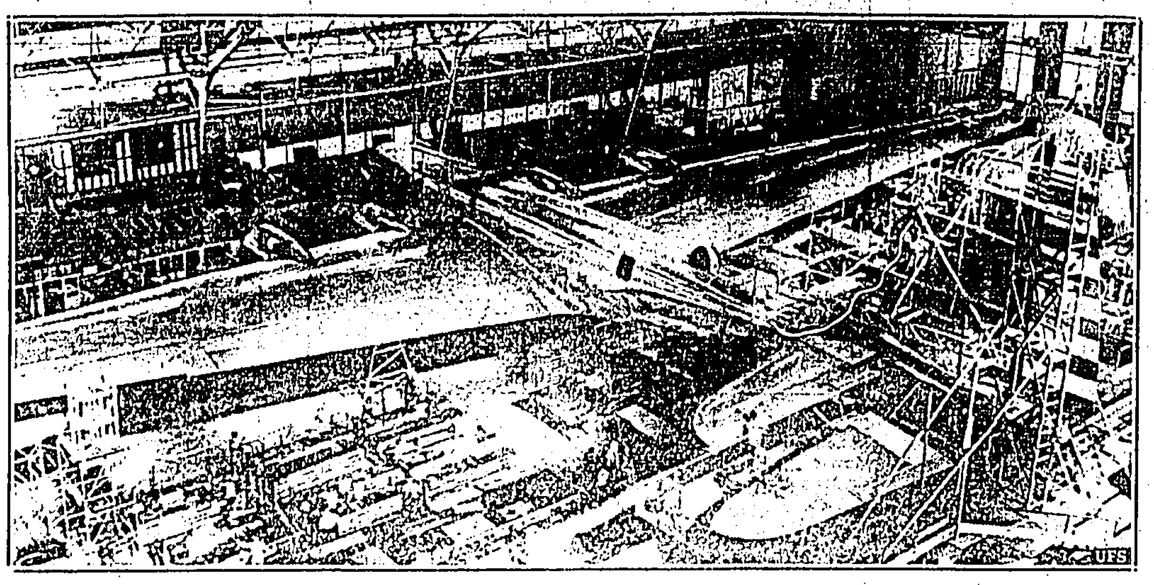
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POLICE SEEK BOGUS M.P. WHO GOT £10 FROM INTERNEE'S WIFE

SCOTLAND YARD SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO POSED AS A WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO PLAY A TRICK ON MRS. HANS ALEC ROSENFELDER, WIFE OF A GERMAN REFUGEE INTERNED IN THE ISLE OF MAN, WHOSE CASE HAS BEEN RAISED RECENTLY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

This man telephoned a London paper saying he was Mr. S. S. Silverman, M.P. for Nelson and Colne, and that he had been informed by the Home Secretary that Mr. Rosenfelder would be released from the Isle of Man shortly.

By chance the reporter who answered the call was the man who had dealt with the Rosenfelder case.

He asked if Mrs. Rosenfelder had been informed. The "M.P." said he was speaking from her house, that she was out and he was leaving a message with the maid.

Address

The reporter asked him for his private address and phone number. He gave an Acorn number and an address in Wembley.

Later Mrs. Rosenfelder phoned the paper to ask if any news had been received from the Home Office.

She said she was at her home in Hendon and had not been out during the evening. A "Mr. Silverman, M.P.," had brought her news that her husband was to be released.

The paper then checked up on the "M.P." It was discovered that the phone number he had given was the number of Acton Council and that the private address was fictitious.

Offered To Send Money

Mrs. Rosenfelder said: "The man had phoned me as Mr. Silverman and said Sir John Anderson would inform him this evening when my husband would be released. He came to my home and phoned a West End club from here. He said the person at the other end of the phone was Sir John Anderson, who confirmed that my husband would be out shortly.

"Quite casually he asked if my husband had money with him. I said no, and he suggested I should send him about £10 to travel home. He offered to send it for me. I thought an M.P. would know the procedure so I gave him £10 in notes."

Sir John Anderson was out of London at the time and could not have spoken to the "M.P."

A Description

Mrs. Rosenfelder has given detectives the following description of the man: About 50 years of age, short, stout, dark, going bald, wearing horn-rimmed glasses with thick lenses; brown suit with white stripe, brown trilby hat.

Air Raid Lessons From Chungking

It was his earnest endeavour to reach the same state of efficiency in Hongkong as in Chungking, in providing air raid shelters for the population, said Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Precautions, in an address on his recent visit to the Chinese capital, which he gave at the Hongkong Rotary Club tiffin yesterday.

He said:

Our main object in visiting Chungking was to study the very excellent system they have devised for giving protection to the general public. It is protection of a very high order and almost bomb-proof.

Altogether there are 420,000 people in Chungking, and it is estimated that there is sufficient tunnel accommodation for every soul. In addition to this, they are now building tunnels into the sides of the hills to house their transport. Chungking is literally riddled with tunnels. In fact, it resembled a rabbit warren, but with this difference, the burrowing had been organised and well-planned. Some of the tunnels were constructed to house several thousand people, and others sufficient to meet the needs of the people in the immediate vicinity.

Chungking has many air raid advantages over Hongkong. For instance, the authorities have at least one hour's warning, and during this period, quite a number proceed to the hinterland on foot or in their motor cars, but the bulk of the population remains "put" until a second alarm is sounded, and then they make their way towards the tunnels, which are generally just across the road, where they wait until a third alarm is sounded, and then they entered the tunnels and remain there until the "All Clear" signal is given. This long warning permits the population to take the precautionary measures in an orderly and free-from-panic spirit.

Should you ever pay a visit to Chungking, during the period of hostilities, and if you value your life—do not at night time wear white, or light or smoke a cigarette. If you do, you will hear the crack of a rifle and a bullet whizzing by. The Chinese are so well drilled that, I was informed, many cases of bad man-handling have taken place on those who disobeyed these instructions.

Blake Gardens Experiment

We spent many hours examining these tunnels, and I for one learnt many useful hints and tips, and my friend Mr. Faber has now undertaken to supervise the construction of a tunnel at Blake Gardens, using, as far as is practicable, Chungking methods, and it will be of interest to compare the price per head, and the time of construction of such a tunnel, against the price per head of tunnels constructed by more modern methods.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the city is in ruins. The vast majority of the houses are poorly constructed, a large number are built of timber; others of brickwork and hollow wall construction. Such buildings as these collapse like a pack of cards from the effects of the blast of high explosive bombs, and in most cases, fires soon break out.

A tremendous amount of damage has been done to the city, not only by the effects of high explosive bombs, but also by incendiary bombs and other fires caused by the collapse of houses. The officials, however, deal with the fires in drastic manner, and they have no hesitation in demolishing building after building in order to prevent the spread of fires. Each owner of a house has to keep on the ground floor 40 gallons of water and several small bamboo buckets of sand, and this, I think, is an excellent scheme, for it enables the Fire Brigade to proceed to any given place and know that the material for dealing with the fire in its incipient stage is on the spot.

The lighting restrictions are comparatively easy to enforce as the electricity is cut off at the source, and a pot shot at any window showing a light does the rest.

It was stated that telephone lines cannot be relied upon after the first salvo of bombs, and I can well believe this, as some of the contortionist attitudes which telegraph posts were at, would even have gladdened the heart of Heath Robinson.

Lessons For Hongkong

I suggest that I should be failing in my duty, if I did not draw some conclusions on all that I had seen of the Chinese Government's magnificent work in providing shelter for the population, and endeavour to apply those lessons to Hongkong.

Perhaps what impressed me, most of all, was the complete absence of fear and the apparent high standard of morale amongst the civilians. I am quite sure that this state of affairs is due to the fact that the people have confidence because: (a) Bomb-proof shelters has been provided for all; (b) the provision of ready-made huts for those whose houses are demolished; and (c) the example set by all and their readiness to help their neighbours.

It must, and shall be, my earnest endeavour to reach the same state in Hongkong. The problem is colossal, but if it is broken into fragments, I am optimistic enough to believe that it is not insoluble, and with your active support and help, let us confidently march forward and attain the highest degree of efficiency.

FATHER ACCUSES TEACHER

Evacuation Echo

A schoolmaster who made plans to evacuate boys to Canada was accused at Clerkenwell of taking a stockbroker's 11-years-old son away by fraud.

Mr. Coverdale Sharp, prosecuting, said that the master, Montagu Wilfred Weaver Wicks, aged 28, of Florence-road, Sanderstead, Surrey, coached Mr. George Schwerdt's sons during the Eastern holidays.

Later he said he was taking a party of boys to Canada. Mr. Schwerdt decided to let his son George go.

He paid £620 into Wicks's bank account to cover expenses for two years, including the passage both ways.

Brought Back

After the train had left Euston Mr. Schwerdt got into communication with Canada House.

As a result, Wicks was stopped at Crewe and brought back with the boy.

Inquiries showed he had cancelled a provisional booking for two to go to Canada and had no exit permit.

Mr. Lawrence Vine, defending, said that difficulties had arisen and Wicks was going to stay at Liverpool until they were cleared up. A colleague was going to take the rest of the party over, following Wicks.

High Praise

Mr. Schwerdt, who lives at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, agreed he had expressed high praise of Wicks's qualities as a teacher.

He said he did not know that his wife first suggested the visit to Canada, or that she had written to Wicks: "Even if you decide at the last moment to stay, I should like George to be in your charge, wherever that is."

Wicks was remanded on bail.



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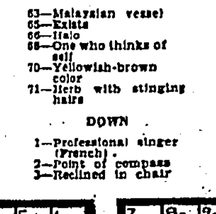
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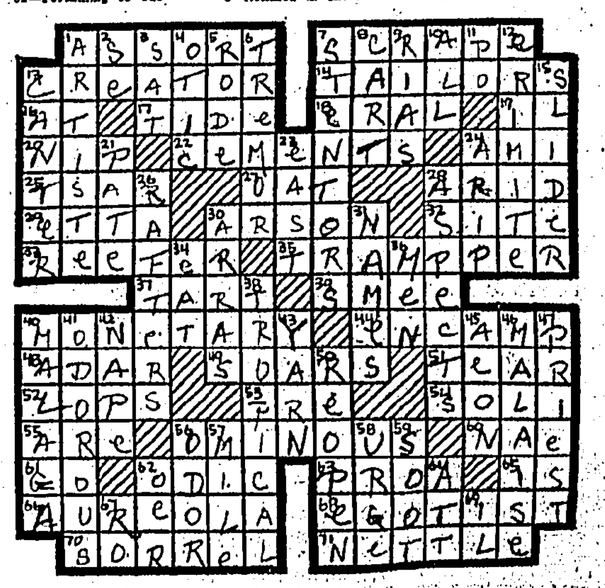
1—Classify
7—Rub roughly
13—One who makes
14—Clothes creators
16—Near
17—Rise and fall of ocean level
18—Pertaining to era
19—Pipe connection
20—Bite sharply
22—Causes to stick together
24—Friend (French)
25—Absolute ruler
27—Cereal grass
28—Very dry
29—Diminutive suffix
30—Malicious burning
32—Locale
33—One who ties sail to boom
35—One who steps heavily
37—Small pie
39—Inventor of electric battery (died 1877)
40—Pertaining to money
44—Form camp
45—Hebrew month
49—Files with motionless wings
51—Rip
52—Cuts off
53—Prefix: before
54—One performance on each part (music)
55—Units of 119.6 square yards each
56—Portentous
60—None (Scottish)
61—Depart
62—Pertaining to ode
63—Malaysian vessel
65—Exists
66—Halo
68—One who thinks of self
70—Yellowish-brown color
71—Herb with stinging hairs

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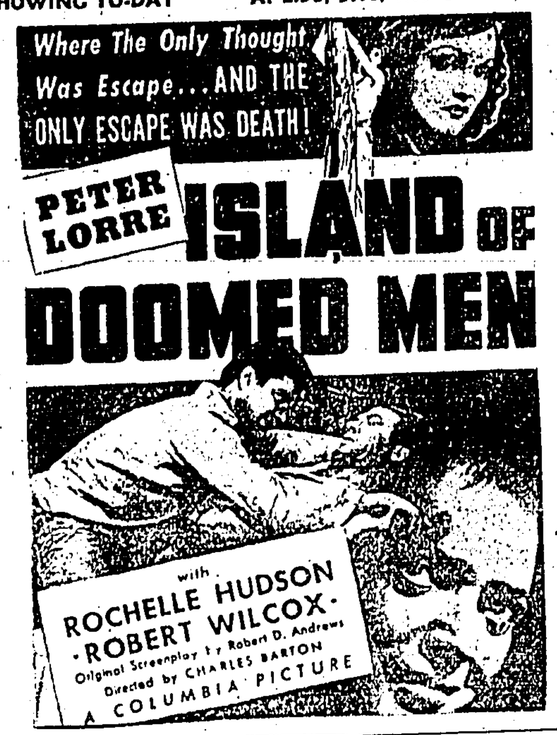
1—Professional singer (French)
2—Point of compass
3—Reclined in chair
4—Pertaining to ear
5—Was carried
6—Vibratory movement
7—People with very loud voices
8—Wheeled vehicle
9—Narrow inlets
10—Whole
11—Italian river
12—Hermit
13—Moderate gallop
15—Slipping device
21—Top of head
23—Orient
26—Seed covering
26—Roof supports
28—Appearances
30—Tapestry
31—Calls
34—Take food
36—Male human beings
38—Pertaining to warm climate
40—Type of grape wine
41—Smelling badly
42—Short sleeps
43—Fibrous material
44—Long time
46—Indisposition (French)
47—Clergyman of Catholic Church
50—Disclose once more
56—Scent
57—5,280 feet
58—Incite
59—Deposit left by smoke
62—Over (poetic)
64—Attention (abbr.)
67—Proposed international language
69—He (French)

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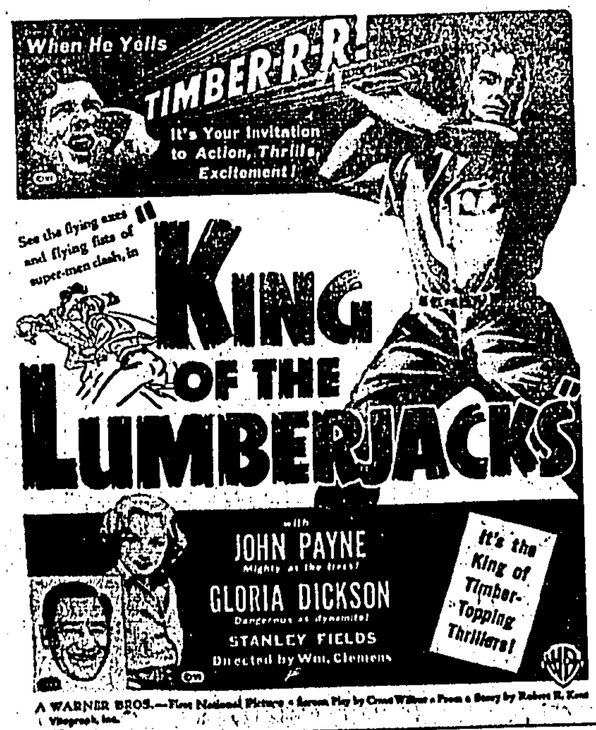
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BRITISH MILITARY MISSION

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—There is no information here concerning the report that Britain is sending a military mission to China.

Well-informed quarters are inclined to the belief that such a mission is unnecessary at the present juncture as they are convinced that Japan is unlikely to take drastic action in the near future either against Britain or the United States in the Far East.

Chinese circles are of the opinion that Japan will probably confine her activities at present to the bombing of the Burma Road and also to strengthening her position in Indo-China.

Despite her threats, Japan for economic if not other reasons, is not in a position to wage a war in the Pacific against America or Britain.

A British military mission to China would be necessary in the event of a determined Japanese drive towards Burma for an attack on Singapore.

Desert Warfare

Enemy Post Attacked

Near Kenya Border

NAIROBI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—A successful attack against an enemy post near the Kenya frontier is announced in a communique issued here.

It says that one of our ground patrols attacked an enemy post at Dukan, near the Kenya border, 70 miles from Lake Rudolf. The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead and also some camels and equipment.

Our casualties were one killed and one wounded.

Desert Patrols

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—To-day's Cairo communique says that one of our patrols successfully attacked the enemy at Dukan, Kenya. The enemy withdrew, leaving five killed as well as equipment and camels.

French Envoy Interviewed

After Talk With Welles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—On leaving Mr. Sumner Welles' office after a talk, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting reporters that he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said that the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made warplanes which the French aircraft carrier, Bearn, has taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed, but if he said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much."

Death Of Mr. Szeto Chung

Ambulance Officer

Mr. Szeto Chung passed away last night at the Queen Mary Hospital, having been ill for some time.

Deceased was 59 years of age. He leaves a widow, and a large family. Two sons are members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Szeto Chung was at the time of his death, in the employ of the Hongkong Club as Librarian, having been in that post for many years.

He was also Corps Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, being attached to Headquarters. Joining the Brigade in 1916 as a private, he quickly rose to Officer rank, showing keenness and efficiency and winning several medals and other honours.

The funeral will leave the Queen Mary Hospital to-day at 3 p.m. for the Chinese Christian Cemetery.

Berlin Shivers In Advance

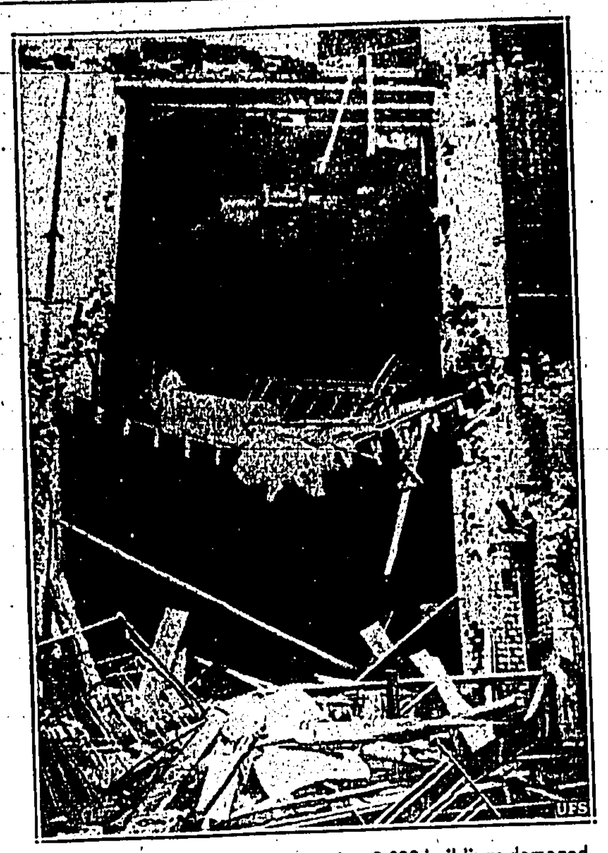
Messages reaching New York from Berlin state that a relatively large proportion of Berliners who heat their homes with an individual tiled stove in each room got some bad news recently.

An official declaration warned them that they will be allowed to have only one of these stoves to a dwelling, plus the kitchen stove repaired and overhauled for use next winter.

Furthermore, only such repairs and overhauling will be permitted as can be carried out with the minimum amount of iron and other material and as little labour as possible.

Landlords and tenants are further advised to-day to arrange to have a stove repaired which heats the room easiest to keep warm. In buildings of two or more storeys the tenants are urged to agree among themselves that next winter they will heat tiers of rooms lying one above the other throughout the building.

The order is issued by the Mayor of Berlin, the coal commissioner for the capital and the Fuehrer of the Berlin Association of Property Owners.



SUSPENSION BED—Among more than 2,000 buildings damaged in London by Nazi air raiders, hospitals do not escape. Here is view of portion of North London hospital, with bed freakishly suspended.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL INTERNED

ADMIRAL NICHOLAS WOLKOFF, sixty-nine-year-old proprietor of the Russian Tea Rooms in Roland-gardens, Kensington, an ex-officer of the Imperial Russian Navy, has been interned by order of the Home Secretary under Section 18B of the Defence Regulations.

His wife is carrying on the tea shop.

The admiral was Russian Naval Attache in London up to the time of the revolution. His family estates were seized and he was left almost penniless.

Admiral Wolkoff came to England in 1913 and has never been back to Russia. His four children, a son and three daughters, were sent to English schools.

'Emigrated' Man Is Still Interned

The case of Hans Alec Rosenfelder, interned Nuremberg man mentioned in the House of Commons becomes even more puzzling.

Colonel Wedgwood, Socialist member for Newcastle-under-Lyme, told M.P.s that Hans had written to him to say he had been emigrated to Australia.

But Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, told the House that Hans was being released to join the British Army.

Hans's young English wife phoned the camp commandant in the Isle of Man. "He told me that Hans is still interned, and quite well," she said afterwards. "No authority for his release has yet been received."

The Home Office could not solve the puzzle-inquiries about individual internees are not answered. The machine must have time to work.

But the girl Hans married, Ivy Samuel, a vivacious brunette who claims distant relationship to Lord Samuel, is still anxious.

LATE NEWS

Australian Griffins Sold

High Prices Obtained At Auction

The first batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

Nine ponies were sold, and two, a bay mare by Silverado from Llangilda and a bay gelding by Double Court from Army Lass, fetched $3,500 and $2,500 respectively. The upset price in each of the sales was $1,250. Two ponies were withdrawn from the sale, one, as there were no bids, and the other because it was said the Veterinary Surgeon was not quite satisfied with it.

The names of the purchasers of the ponies were not disclosed to the Press because, said an official of the Jockey Club, the sale was a private one and it was not known whether the buyers would object to their names being known. Another official said that if it was discovered that the buyers did not object to their names appearing, there would be sent to the Press.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Jockey Club, acted as auctioneer, and opening the sale he said that a great deal of trouble had been experienced during the last few years in obtaining reasonable China ponies at a proper price. Many difficulties had arisen and the Stewards had tried very hard to get over them by registration of breeders, but he was afraid that a great portion of the ponies had not proved satisfactory. This year, there was the trouble in the North.

Not Been Galloped

Mr. Pearce added that this experiment was being tried so that members of the Jockey Club might see the ponies they were going to buy. The ponies had not been galloped, but had been trotted, and, as far as the Veterinary Surgeon could see, they were all sound.

Concluding, Mr. Pearce said that the Stewards of the Club could not give a guarantee that a similar batch of ponies would be obtained as this depended on the success of the present batch.

The auction will be continued at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The full list of ponies sold, and their prices, follows:

A Chestnut Mare, aged 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins, by Bravia from Little Ina, $1,650; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Double Court from Army Lass, $2,500; Chestnut Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Woorak from Carollia, $1,450; Bay Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Double Court, from Royal Ruby, $1,900; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Weatherwise from Unnamed, $1,250; Chestnut Mare, 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins, by Dignus from Lady Mecca, $1,800; Bay Mare 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Silverado from Llangilda, $3,500; Brown Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Pentheus from Royal Glory, $1,750; Chestnut Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Colugo from Cooma Maid, $1,650.

Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to pony classification lists dated May 20, 1940, as notified by Hongkong Jockey Club:

Australian ponies.—Devonian, Melody Star and Tornado Star to "B" class; Winnie to "C" Class; Longdon, Strathcarrick and Surprise Again to "D" Class.

China Ponies.—Thirty Six and Victoria to "B" Class and Half-Moon Eve to "C" Class.

Suspected Murder On Island Hills

Believed to have been cold-blooded murder, an attack was carried out at the Jardine's Hill Refugee Camp last night when Kwong Yan-fuk, 37-year-old leather worker who was fatally wounded while he lay asleep in his hut.

Using a sharp instrument, believed to be a chopper, the assailant severed the arteries in Kwong's neck and the man died at midnight in hospital.

The attack was made through a rattan flap window under which the murdered man was lying, with his wife beside him.

Before he lost consciousness Kwong named a man as the alleged assailant and the police spent all last night and the early hours of this morning searching the hills for him, but without success.

The investigation is in the hands of Inspector W. N. Darkin and Inspector L. R. Whant.

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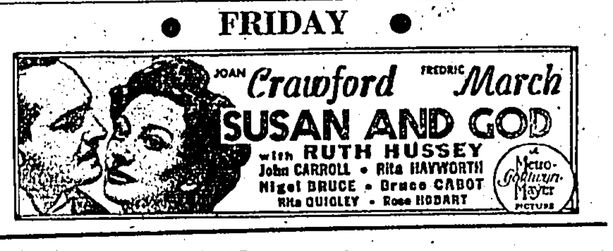


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HITLER'S NEW PEACE TERMS TO FRANCE IF SHE FIGHTS BRITAIN

Share in Axis 'New World Order', But Lose Empire

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, OCT. 22, (UP).—A FORTNIGHT AGO GERMANY OFFERED FRANCE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IF THE LATTER WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR AGAINST BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE HERE.

The offer, however, was rejected by Marshal Petain and the majority of the Vichy Cabinet, but M. Laval supported the idea and is at present working for its acceptance.

SIX PROVISIONS

According to the diplomat's information the terms of the offer were as follows:

(1) France should be admitted to share in the Axis "New World Order" as an associated Power, but not as a partner.

(2) Germany to obtain Alsace-Lorraine and Italy to receive Nice.

(3) French troops in Africa and the French fleet and air force to co-operate in the offensive against Egypt and Palestine.

CONTROL OF FRENCH BASES

(4) Germany and Italy to assume control of French aerial and naval bases in the Mediterranean and Africa.

(5) The redistribution of French colonies as follows: France to retain Algeria—France and Italy to divide Tunisia—France and Spain to divide Morocco and Germany to regain all her former colonies.

(6) All other French colonies to be governed by Italy, Germany and France.

The diplomatic source said the alleged Italo-German terms provoked a controversy in the French Cabinet. M. Baudoin and Admiral Darlan are reported to be supporting M. Laval who is said to have argued that the offer showed Germany's desire to terminate the war quickly in the interests of all Europe.

Petain Disagrees

Marshal Petain is reported to have disagreed, declaring that he will never sign such an agreement.

General Weygand and other Cabinet Ministers supported Marshal Petain, some of them feeling that acceptance of the terms would cause the French Colonies to rally immediately to General de Gaulle.

The German offer was submitted immediately after the meeting of Hitler and Mussolini in the Brenner

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BALKANS CONFAB
Not Significant Say Pundits

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Oct. 22, (UP).—The British Ambassador to Turkey and the British Minister to Belgrade are both planning to return to their respective posts to-morrow night, after holding conversations here with the British Minister to Sofia who has already returned to Bulgaria.

Best informed circles claim that the meeting of the three diplomats was not a conference, but merely conversations, the significance of which has been greatly exaggerated abroad.

No far-reaching developments in the Balkans could be expected as a result of these talks because they were only a routine meeting, informed circles said.

There are no indications here that the British War Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden is coming to Turkey, and there are no indications that disruption of relations between Britain and Rumania is imminent.

PATROL BOATS LOST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that two patrol vessels formerly French ships, were sunk by enemy light craft and it is believed that some members of the crews were made prisoner.

THE END OF TWO RAIDERS

These vivid pictures illustrate how German pilots are treated after they have been forced down over England. In one picture we see first-aid being given to the pilot of a Messerschmitt 109 which was shot down in flames; in the other, a pilot after descending by parachute is rounded up and then given a drink.





BURMA RD. IS INTACT
60 Trucks Cross Bridge

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RANGOON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Southwest Transportation Company to-day announced the receipt of a message at 5 p.m. to-day advising that the Mekong River bridge has so far not been damaged, despite the repeated Japanese bombings. The Company's officials said the first convoy of sixty trucks crossed the bridge at dawn to-day.

The bridge is a suspension bridge between perpendicular cliffs three thousand feet high, on top of which are anti-aircraft guns. The bridge is 150 feet long.

A large number of workers at Rangoon are rushing shipments of American goods to China and China goods to America. Transportation officials said American ships are arriving here on an average of one a week.

The news that the suspension bridge has not been destroyed de-

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LATEST

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'Escape Clause' Revealed In Axis Alliance Pact
Japan Said To Be Backing Down

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, OCT. 23 (UP).—IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE STRONG ATTITUDE ADOPTED RECENTLY BY BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FAR EAST HAS SUCCESSFULLY CALLED THE BLUFF OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE AXIS TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE.

The Japanese have informed the British Ambassador to Tokyo that the secret provisions of the alliance permit each signatory to decide under which conditions they should come to each other's aid in the event of attack.

Thus, while the alleged secret terms leave the Japanese an escape clause in the event of the United States entering the war, at the same time it leaves Germany and Italy an escape should Japan become involved with Britain and America in the Pacific.

Initiative Lost

Unimpeachable information reaching Shanghai declares that important diplomats in Tokyo have informed their home governments during the past week that Japanese reaction to the American and British evacuation plans indicates that the Japanese feel they have lost the initiative in the Pacific, at least temporarily.

The recall of the Japanese delegation to the Dutch East Indies signals the temporary suspension of efforts to force the negotiations beyond voluntary minor concessions offered by the Netherlands East Indies.

It is understood that the growing impression among Tokyo's diplomats is that the tripartite alliance has been loosely designed with the main purpose of propaganda value.

It was hoped by Germany and Italy that the published provisions would divert Britain and America to the Pacific, while Japan hoped that American fears of automatic involvement with Italy and Germany would avert joint Anglo-American action in the Pacific.

To Seek Peace With China?

It is believed that in view of the British and American measures to counteract the tripartite alliance in the Pacific, Japan has temporarily suspended her programme to concentrate on a settlement of the Sino-Japanese war, although such efforts are expected to fail owing to the new American aid to Chungking.

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JAPAN'S OIL SUPPLIES
May Be Affected By Britain's Purchases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, (UP).—The British purchase of large quantities of oil from the Dutch East Indies may embarrass Japan's war effort seriously in view of the United States' restrictions on certain oil exports, experts believe.

Unofficial reports state that Japan's consumption of all types of gasoline and oil last year totalled nearly 25,000,000 barrels. While exact information is not available, it is believed Japan obtains important indirect oil shipments from the Indies.

Several small islands in the Gulf of Singapore and the Straits of Malacca receive large amounts of oil from the Indies for storage and transhipment and experts here believe quantities of this are sent to Japan. The islands include Poeloe-Bintam, Poeloe Samboe, Riouw and Saband which, with others in the same group, were the second largest importers of

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U.S. May Have Two Fleets In Far East
Special to the "Telegraph"

Latest Plan Revealed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, (UP).—Naval authorities here understand that a realignment of United States naval forces in the Pacific might be undertaken to establish two self-sufficient units in the Far East, capable of independent action.

It is reported that a plan has been under consideration for many months and that its execution might be accelerated by the crisis in the Far East.

It has been emphasised, however, that no action is probable until the recently projected additions and implementations of the main fleet have been completed.

Southern Unit

The plan is reported to envisage the establishment of a seagoing Asiatic Fleet as a southern unit divorced from the Yangtse patrol. The base would be Manila, but informed quarters are of the belief that the new plan would include the prerogative of basing the unit at Singapore.

The southern fleet would cruise southeastern Pacific waters, possibly as far north as Shanghai, but no further. Gunboats with auxiliary craft would comprise an independent unit to carry out its present functions as long as the world conditions permit.

Reliable sources emphasize that this plan has not yet received the State Department's sanction but that

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Japanese Troops Leave Indo-China: Embarking For Hainan, Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOI, Oct. 22, (UP).—The first trainload of Japanese troops from Langson arrived at Haiphong to-day where they are resting before embarking for Hainan.

The fact that these troops did not return to Kwangsi seems to bear out the Chinese claims that a large number of Japanese troops in Kwangsi face encirclement for which reason they took a chance and violated the Indo-China border at Langson which was the only loophole of escape.

The trains bearing the Japanese troops have been routed round Hanoi. It is expected that trains will proceed to Haiphong within the next few days carrying Japanese troops which participated in the Langson fighting. The troops will be billeted in Haiphong until transports arrive to remove them to Hainan.

Dover Guns In Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DOVER, Oct. 22 (UP).—British long range guns fired across the Straits of Dover shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. Mist limited visibility.

Spain To Join Axis In Next 48 Hours?
Important Events Expected

By FREDERICK OECHSNER
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BERLIN, Oct. 22, (UP).—Important diplomatic events involving Spain and the Axis are expected within 48 hours, Nazi sources here indicated to-day. This coincided with a report from neutral sources that the German Foreign Minister is on his way to Madrid.

The Foreign Office and the Propaganda Ministry are maintaining silence regarding Herr von Ribbentrop's whereabouts or his plans.

To all inquiries they merely reply: "Nothing is known here."

One Nazi source indicated that Spain might openly take a position more sympathetic towards the Axis, pointing out that the elevation of Serrano Suner to the position of Foreign Minister "is causing the assumption that Berlin and Rome expect active sympathy from him."

May Offer Bases

Reports circulating among informed quarters mention the possibility of events regarding Moscow and

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To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—The C.M.S. Hospital at Kunming—perhaps the best equipped in the district—was destroyed in an air-raid on Saturday. In view of the urgent need for setting up emergency units to deal with the casualties, the Medical Superintendent and Committee of the Nethersole Hospital wish to relinquish the share due to them of the collection and gifts taken at St. John's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, so that the whole amount may be sent to Kunming. I think those who gave on Hospital Sunday should know of this generous decision.

A. P. Rose,
Acting Chaplain.

Empire Gifts

Frontier Loyalty Pledge

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Among the latest Empire war gifts is a sum of £21,000 from Assam for the purchase of four fighter planes, while the War Savings Fund of Calcutta has now sent £367,500 to the United Kingdom.

A Lahore message says that the leader of a large Moslem organisation has offered to buy fighters and has offered the services of 50,000 volunteers.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Jack Payne and His Band.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 Compositions of Chopin.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by the Paradise Islanders.

8.30 Studio—"Great Authors" No. 6: Thackeray.

A talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 London Relay—'To Talk of Many Things'.

9.45 Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op 16.

10.15 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

10.30 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

11.00 Close Down.

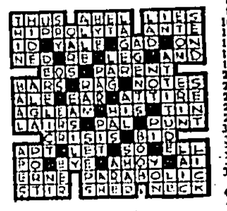
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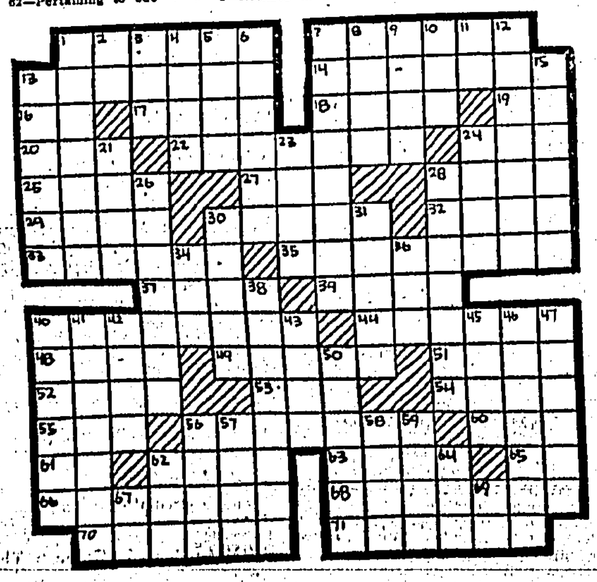
1—Classify
7—Rub roughly
13—One who makes
14—Clothes creators
15—Near
17—Ebbe and fall of ocean level
18—Pertaining to era
19—Pipe connection
20—Bite sharply
22—Causes to stick together
24—Friend (French)
25—Absolute ruler
27—Cereal grass
28—Very dry
29—Diminutive suffix
30—Malicious burning
32—Locale
33—One who ties sail to boom
35—One who steps heavily
37—Small pie
39—Inventor of electric battery (died 1877)
40—Pertaining to money
44—Form camp
46—Hebrew month
49—Flies with motionless wings
51—Rip
52—Cuts off
53—Prefix: before
54—One performance on each part (music)
56—Units of 119.6 square yards each
58—Portentous
60—None (Scottish)
61—Depart
62—Pertaining to ode
63—Malaysian vessel
65—Exists
67—Italo
68—One who thinks of self
70—Yellowish-brown color
71—Herb with stinging hairs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Professional singer (French)
2—Point of compass
3—Reclined in chair
4—Pertaining to ear
5—Was carried
6—Vibratory movement
7—People with very loud voices
8—Wheeled vehicle
9—Narrow inlets
10—Whole
11—Italian river
12—Hermit
13—Moderate gallop
15—Slipping device
21—Top of head
23—Orient
24—Seed covering
26—Roof supports
28—Appearances
30—Tapestry
31—Calls
34—Take food
36—Male human beings
38—Pertaining to warm climate
40—Type of grape wine
41—Smelling badly
42—Short sleeps
43—Fibrous material
45—Long time
46—Indisposition (French)
47—Clergyman of Catholic Church
50—Disclose once more
56—Scent
57—5,280 feet
58—Incite
59—Deposit left by smoke
62—Over (poetic)
64—Attention (abbr.)
67—Proposed international language
69—Ile (French)



HITLER'S NEW PEACE TERMS

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Pass about two weeks ago, the diplomatic source declared.

Vichy Denial

VICHY, Oct. 22 (UP).—"The French Government denies in the most formal manner the overseas reports that M. Laval has gone to Paris to negotiate France's declaration of war against England," declared an official of the Vichy Government today.

He said the report is ludicrous because M. Laval has gone to Paris to discuss questions of a general nature concerning immediate relations between France and Germany.

The French Foreign Minister has also denied overseas reports that France contemplates war against anybody. He said France is seeking peace and is willing to co-operate with Germany in the reconstruction of Europe, in which "the post-war status of Alsace-Lorraine will have the most important influence on relations between France and Germany."

The official spokesman said M. Laval has returned to Paris with a proposition for the extension of the Franco-German armistice which expired on September 23. It is also understood that he will continue to seek the return of the French Government to Paris.

Laval's Proposals

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Reports link together rumours of an impending visit by Ribbentrop to Vichy and Laval's negotiation of a proposal for reaching a definite armistice with the Axis.

According to American correspondents, Laval's proposal is that France should give up Alsace Lorraine, Nice, Tunis and Djibouti. The Axis would undertake not to steal anything else if Vichy declared war on Britain.

There are German-inspired suggestions that the negotiations have reached a point where Ribbentrop's visit to Vichy might clinch them. The German press has for the past two weeks refrained from saying anything derogatory about France.

These American correspondents agreed that Marshal Petain would reject any such proposal; it is believed that Laval himself doubts if the French army, navy and air force would fight Great Britain. Other reports indicate that the French people hold this view.

For instance, the Paris police have found in 16 centres secret printing and distribution of pamphlets. Some 615 people have been arrested.

Ciano For Spain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (UP).—According to reliable private sources Ribbentrop, is expected in Spain within 48 hours.

He may be joined by an Italian spokesman—presumably Count Ciano—for the purpose of bringing Spain into close co-operation with Axis Powers.

Laval In Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reliably reported that M. Laval, the Vice Premier of France, is in Paris for important negotiations with German officials possibly involving the question of the final peace terms and the attitude of the Vichy Cabinet towards Britain.

It is reported that M. Laval will discuss the "prolongation of the armistice" with the occupation authorities, but since the armistice is in effect until the final peace treaty is signed, it does not require prolonging. It is believed that M. Laval might be discussing a more definite settlement of the armistice conditions.

Reports were circulated recently that Germany and Italy might offer France milder terms if Vichy would join in the war against Britain.

Spain To Join Axis In Next 48 Hours?

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Vichy as well as Madrid, but the best information seems to indicate that any diplomatic change is likely to involve Spain alone, possibly taking the form of granting the Axis permission to use the Canary and Madeira islands as aerial and submarine bases against Britain and also permission for the transit of Axis troops for a land attack on Gibraltar.

Rumania Involved

ROME, Oct. 22 (UP).—The official Stefani news agency now says the Rumanian Prime Minister, when he received Italian newspapermen in Bucharest to-day revealed that he is going to Rome soon at the invitation of Mussolini.

It is understood that high German, Italian and Spanish government officials are meeting soon, it is believed on Spanish soil. Reliable sources state that the German Foreign Minister is already en route to Madrid.

'Escape Clause' In Axis Alliance Pact

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It is noteworthy that General Abe arrives in Shanghai on Wednesday en route to Japan from Nanking. It is believed that his recall is further indication of Japan's abandonment of the Wang Ching-wei regime—which Japan originally decided to recognise on October 10—and also a signal for a renewed drive to negotiate a direct peace with Chiang Kai-shek.

Nazis Planes Swarm Over Folkestone

Barrage Protects London

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 23, (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded early to-day but most Londoners were weary and remained in the shelters.

After an early lull last night, a short-lived barrage opened up at 9 p.m. when searchlights and gun flashes could be seen. At 10 p.m., three bombs were dropped which struck and damaged a well known store.

Raiders were reported over the west Midlands and south-east towns. The "United Press" correspondent at Folkestone reported that four German planes were brought down in one of the fiercest air battles of the war. At least 100 planes were engaged.

Planes Downed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that three German planes were destroyed in to-day's operations. Six British fighters were lost but two pilots are safe.

Sporadic Nazi Attacks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—At 8.30 p.m. the night is very dark and heavy anti-aircraft fire is apparently holding off the raiders at the start of London's 46th successive night raid.

Gun flashes indicated that the raiders are mainly on the outskirts of the London area.

Raiders Intercepted

British Hurricanes and Spitfires intercepted raiders on the outskirts of London during to-day's first alarm and chased them back along the Thames Estuary route along which they came.

During the second alarm six raiders, taking advantage of low clouds, crossed the Kentish coast and circled the district. Anti-aircraft fire popped through the clouds and the raiders were soon scurrying towards London.

British fighting planes intercepted them a few miles inland and ten minutes later three Germans were seen returning across the Channel, followed two minutes later by two more stragglers with several British fighters snapping at their tails.

The raid developed slowly with two or three raiders drifting in through a few rounds of anti-aircraft fire. The attack was possibly handicapped by the mist which blotted out all except the brightest stars from the ground. No bombs were audible at the commencement of the raid.

Sporadic Raids

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy attacks on this country to-day have been on a very small scale, says an Air Ministry communique.

A few sporadic raids were made in the morning by single enemy aircraft on several towns on the south-east coast and some damage was done.

In two towns houses were demolished and a few people were killed or injured.

A force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in the afternoon near Dungeness. They were promptly intercepted by strong forces of our fighters and were unable to penetrate into the London area.

Reports so far received show that in this attack very little damage was done though a few bombs were dropped on a south-east town.

JAPAN'S OIL SUPPLIES

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oil from the Indies during the first nine months of last year when they took nearly a million barrels.

Singapore's Intake

Singapore, the largest importer, took 1,700,000 barrels. The islands also took 5,565,000 barrels of gasoline as compared with Singapore's 4,000,000. They also took 2,000,000 barrels of kerosene compared with Singapore's 1,321,000.

For the first nine months of last year Japan took direct from the Indies 1,336,000 barrels plus important quantities of petroleum products.

Japan's reserves are estimated at 2,160,000,000 barrels but her this year's production will be only 3,100,000 barrels.

U.S. Acquires More Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Navy Department has acquired the entire fleet of the Panama Pacific Line consisting of five freighter-passenger vessels of 8,378 tons each.

It is understood that they will be used as transports or aircraft tenders but it is believed in some quarters that they will carry reinforcements to Honolulu.

Japanese C.-in-C. South China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 23 (Domei).—Vice-Admiral Shiro Takasu, C.-in-C. Japanese naval forces in South China, has been replaced by Vice-Admiral Yorio Sawamoto.

Vice-Admiral Takasu will arrive at Moji on October 24 aboard the Takasago Maru.

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BURMA RD. IS INTACT

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lighted all Chinese transportation circles.

Trucks Reach Kunming

KUNMING, Oct. 23 (Central News).—The first convoy of trucks loaded with materials of various descriptions which left Lashio for the interior of China following the re-opening of the Burma Road, safely arrived here yesterday, and is leaving this morning to continue its trip inland.

The drivers and engineers were entertained at a dinner party given by local transportation companies yesterday evening. Except for a few Indian volunteers, they are all overseas Chinese who have returned to serve the fatherland.

Interviewed they said that there had been several air raid alarms on the way but the natural shelters offered adequate protection.

It is learned from responsible circles that full efforts will be exerted to keep the Burma Road open in face of Japanese aerial attacks. Air defence at towns and bridges along the road will be strengthened. Large quantities of repair materials will be put in readiness. More armed squads and repair gangs are being organised.

Quinine For China

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (UP).—Among the first loads sent on along the Burma Road will be eleven million quinine pills contributed by the Chinese residents of Batavia. The Southwest Transportation authorities have been instructed to rush the quinine.

U.S. May Have Two Fleets In Far East

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it is based on the best opinion in naval strategy.

Needs More Pacific Bases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (Domei).—Declaring that the United States needs more Pacific bases, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, writing in the "Herald Tribune" forum, said: "We will have them. How far-flung these Pacific bases must be awaits the outcome of events now in the making."

Colonel Knox asserted that the war was again proving that "those who control the high seas control the destinies of the world." The contestants who can survive immediate attacks while exercising effective control over food and oil supplies will win the war, Colonel Knox declared.

"The Continent of Europe do not provide within its borders an adequate supply of either oil or food. Therefore, the nation which controls the sea approaches to Europe holds immense advantage, and that sea power is the British," Colonel Knox continued.

Control Of The Sea

Referring to the United States defence programme, the Secretary of the Navy said that the only way to protect the security of the United States is to secure the control of the sea. "If we recognize the soundness of this principle, we can not only be safe ourselves but we can exercise profound influence on the peace and security of the rest of the world."

Colonel Knox pointed out that the acquisition of eight new Atlantic bases added tremendously to the American naval strength in the Atlantic, equivalent to many ships. "There with those already held we can make out the Atlantic defence wellnigh impregnable," Colonel Knox added.

CANTON RAILWAY ACTION

China Fighting Reports

YUNGYUN, Oct. 22 (Central News).—A combined Japanese cavalry and infantry unit moving from Shumchun to Lilong and Pukut on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway on October 17 was repulsed by the Chinese.

Attack On Chuki

CHUNGKING, Oct. 23 (Central News).—Japanese troops on Sunday pushed south along the Puyang River to attack Chuki, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, which was recently lost and recaptured by the Chinese.

Arriving in the suburbs the following day, the Japanese were encircled and fled north.

A sharp clash took place at Changchihkow in central Hupeh, on October 17. Some 300 Japanese casualties were inflicted and six Japanese boats were sunk.

In South Shansi, Japanese artillery shelled Maotsintu, a crossing on the north bank of the Yellow River, six miles east of Pinglu, on October 19.

American Protest Answered

Bahrein Island Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"In bombing oil properties on Bahrein Island, Italy is exercising the right of war" is the comment made in authorised Rome circles to-day on the protest filed with the United States State Department by the California Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company against alleged bombing of American-owned oil properties.

The Italian view is said to be that firstly, Bahrein Island, being a British protectorate, the companies exploiting oil there are juridically British; secondly, "England, thanks to the Treaty concluded with the local Emir, has political and economic supremacy on the island."

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An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hongkong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be $1.50 per ½ oz. for letters and $0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service should be superscribed "Via Rangoon" and bear the usual blue air mail label.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 5th October) Oct. 24.
Sandakan Oct. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 4th October) Oct. 25.
Swatow Oct. 25.
Java and Manila Oct. 26.
Calcutta and Straits Oct. 27.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service," San Francisco date 18th October. Oct. 28.
London and Straits Oct. 28.
U. S. A., and Manila—(San Francisco date, 5th October). Oct. 28.
U.S.A., and Manila—(Seattle date, 30th September) Oct. 29.
Java and Manila Oct. 30.
London and Straits Oct. 30.

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Wednesday, Oct. 23
Straits and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels, ...Oct. 23, 5.00 p.m.
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Ord., ...Oct. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 25
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Oct. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 25, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 25, 7.00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26
Manilla, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
Kowloon P. O.
Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 26, 9.30 a.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Oct. 26, 9.00 a.m.
Ord., ...Oct. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa. 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and *United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Mail for Canada).
K. P. O.
Parcels Oct. 28, 4 p.m.
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Ord. Oct. 28, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels Oct. 28, 4 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
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G.P.O.
Reg. Oct. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
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SHIPPING BAN LIFTED

Clearances for British and Allied shipping for Kwangchowwan only are now being issued by the Harbour Office.

The ban was imposed on ships for Indo-China ports since September 25, but the suspension for Kwangchowwan was lifted yesterday.

Shipping circles do not anticipate any large clearances of cargo or passengers immediately.

Hallowe'en Dinner

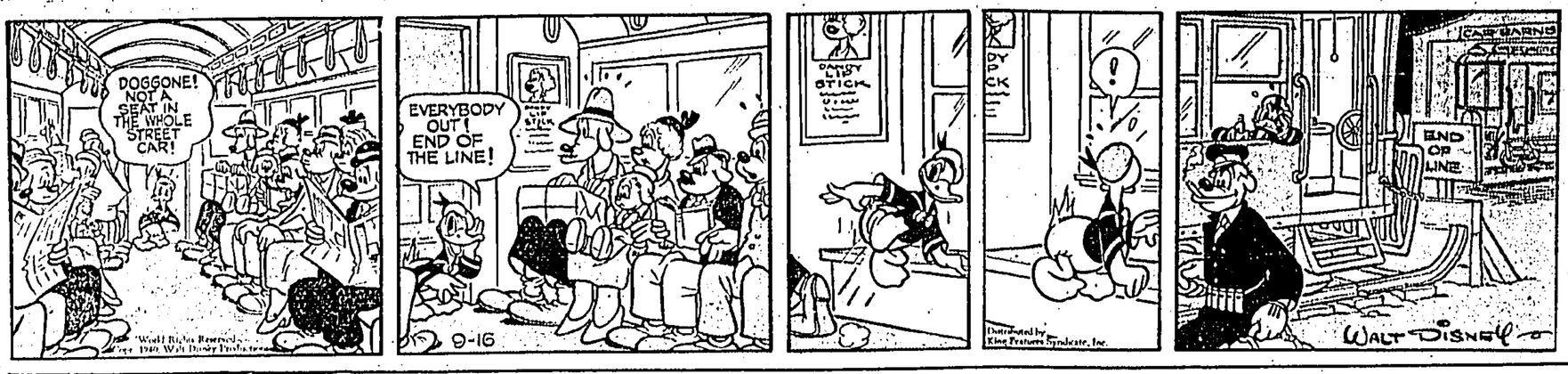
This year, the Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C. propose to hold the usual dinner on the night of Hallowe'en, Thursday, October, 31. By kind permission of the officials and members of the Taikoo Club, the dinner will be held in the Club premises at Quarry Bay.

Air Raid Sirens To Be Tested

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that all air raid syrens in Hongkong and on the mainland, will be tested between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 1940.

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The Fifth Column

② They learned it in Spain

Col. William J. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer

This is the second of the sensational articles made public by U. S. A.'s Secretary Knox of the Navy Department at Washington, as part of the national defence programme.

When all allowance has been made for Hitler's superior armies, his resourcefulness, his daring, and the vital assistance by Germans living within the victim countries, his success can only be explained by another factor. This is nothing less than the presence among his enemies of what, since the Spanish Civil War, has been known as the "fifth column."

Since no country has ever been unanimous, a "fifth column" has existed potentially in every land in every war. But the despotic or totalitarian countries ruthlessly suppress it at home while exploiting it elsewhere.

It is in a democracy that the "fifth column" can function most freely and effectively. It remained for Adolf Hitler's genius to raise the creation, strengthening, organisation and activity of the "fifth column" in the countries that opposed him to a decisive weapon.

"We need armies. But we shall not use them as in 1914. The place of artillery will in the future be taken by revolutionary propaganda, to break down the enemy psychologically before the armies begin to function at all.

The enemy people must be demoralised and ready to capitulate before military action can even be thought of . . . mental confusion, indecisiveness, panic, these are our weapons. The history of revolutions . . . is always the same: The ruling classes capitulate. Why? Defeatism: They no longer have the will to conquer."

The propaganda machine for creating and sustaining a "fifth column,"—again according to Hitler's confessed theory—is of a double nature.

No one side it aims at influencing the masses. For this purpose Hitler in the present war utilises his radio traitors. Lord Haw Haw for the English, Ferdonnet for the French, and to some extent, particularly in the last two years, communist agitators whom he tricked or corrupted into serving him. But for the classes he had a much more subtle bait. As he himself put it:

"The results at which I aim are only to be obtained by the systematic corruption of the possessing and governing classes. Business advantages, erotic satisfactions and ambition, are the three main stops in our propaganda organ."

How did this work in the various countries?

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In the bloodless conquest of Austria, "fifth column" Austrian leaders like Seyss-Inquart, dupes like Guido Schmidt, played a decisive part.

While the discontent of the masses was whipped up to enthusiasm in favour of Nazi Germany, agents like Franz von Papen skilfully convinced leading Austrians that only through Hitler could their secret aspirations be fulfilled.

The Slovaks, who had suffered their bondage under Hungary, could be duped. But Czechs and Poles could not. Both peoples had lived far too long cheek to jowl with Prussians to have the slightest doubt as to Hitler's real intentions.

There was no strong "fifth column" among the Czechs and Poles; a few Czech agrarians, the former Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck. The Czechs were finally conquered by French betrayal, the Poles by the armed might of a nation three or four times as strong.

To see the "fifth column" in full swing one had to wait for the attack on democratic countries.

In Norway there is little doubt but that "fifth column" activities contributed to the success of the German blitz attack and were responsible for the quick collapse of all organised resistance.

Major and former National Defence Minister Quisling had been, if not actually in the pay of German Nazis, at least in close contact with them for years.

His success in stabbing Norway in the back can be traced (A) to the fear of Socialism carefully fostered among leading Norwegians by Nazi propaganda and (B) to the fact that numerous appointments to high army commands had been made by Quisling's intimate friend.

There is some reason to believe that the electrically controlled mines guarding the inner harbour of Oslo were put out of action by another highly placed Norwegian traitor.

In view of the efficiency of relatively weak coastal defences, it is safe to say that without "fifth column" activity in Norway, the Norwegian resistance would have lasted several days and the invasion conceivably failed altogether.

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In Holland the "fifth column" was more numerous than effective. This was doubtless due to its open character. The five odd per cent. of all Dutchmen organised in Mussert's Dutch National Socialist Party for years provided the Nazis with military and economic information.

But the Dutch Government had little enough to conceal. The Dutch National Socialists did what they could do to welcome, assist and succour the invading German parachutists and air-borne infantry, and somewhat half-heartedly took part in the German attacks upon the Dutch police and army. But of themselves they were relatively ineffective.

In Belgium, without the shadow of a doubt, Flemings loyal to Hitler betrayed the main defences of the Albert Canal and opened not only their country, but Holland as well, to German invasion.

An eyewitness, the wife of a patriotic Belgian customs authority stationed on the Dutch frontier nearby, reported how Flemish soldiers deliberately neglected to blow the bridges over the canal which had been constructed primarily as a barrier to invasion.

Others took to their heels at the sight of the first German. In all the towns, pro-German Flemings and Rexists of Degrelle spread stories of the uselessness of the war, the strength of Germany and the futility of resistance.

Others threw the villages into panic, creating hordes of refugees whose presence on the roads southward slowed and even prevented the advance of the French and British Armies that were coming to Belgium's assistance.

FUNNY SIDE UP — By Abner Dean



"No, no, dear that thermometer is just to test the temperature of the WATER!"

HEROES OF "THE BUMPER TRIP"

By A. J. McWhinnie

THE convoy boys who run Hitler's gauntlet in the Channel little more than a dozen miles from his long-range guns call it "the bumper trip."

And when their ships are safely through the multiple perils of the narrow Straits of Dover, they say, "It's still the *English* Channel."

I'd back the daring, the coolness, the courage of the convoy boys against any heroes in the world.

I've done "the bumper trip." I've seen our sailors—both R.N. and Merchant Navy—accepting 1,000 miles an hour shells from the shore batteries, bombing, Nazi mines, E-boats and U-boats as just part of the day's work, though they are on the most dangerous run in the world.

But it needs more than daring to keep the waterways of the English Channel safely open, in spite of all Hitler's tricks.

The daring men must have the latest weapons. And behind it all must be careful planning.

All-Weapon Convoy

There was a special significance about that convoy which beat Germany's guns, bombers, mines, E-boats and U-boats the other day.

It was one of our "all-weapon convoys"—ready for anything.

And the whole world knows now that our all-weapon convoy got through.

Not a word leaked out about the nature of this convoy. I was pledged to secrecy with everybody else. I could not even telephone my news editor and tell him that I was sailing on "the bumper trip."

He only knew I was at sea. He didn't know I was in the shelled and bombed convoy until my story was coming through over the phone after we had reached port.

Before we sailed, the crews of the warships escorting the convoy were addressed by their captains.

They were told that they were doing "the bumper trip" under special circumstances and that they would be at "action stations" right through the run.

We know our ships can get through the Channel under cover of darkness. But that is not sufficient.

The convoys must get through in broad daylight, under clear skies, facing every weapon of the enemy with an effective antidote. And that is just what they are doing. I saw them do it. I sailed with them.

We expected those long-range guns on the French coast to roar their shells at us. Up on the bridge of an escort vessel they were taking bearings of the flashes which revealed the situation of the shore batteries.

Then our bombers went out to deal with that side of the business.

New Defences

Meanwhile, our warships were trying out a new smoke screen development. We're well pleased with the result under its first baptism of fire.

We have the measure, now, of the enemy's dive-bombing tactics. Only by dive-bombing can they be reasonably certain of scoring direct hits.

So our convoys are now protected against dive-bombing attacks. Each convoy carries kites on "the bumper trip." They are the barrage balloons of the sea.

Then there are the all-purpose guns of the destroyers—the big guns—and there are the pom-poms, as well as the Lewis guns which are also carried in every ship in the convoy—from cargo liners down to little, grimy colliers.

The Spitfires and the Hurricanes are quick off the mark whenever the enemy gets after our convoy ships. They proved it when shelling gave way to bombing on this trip. And they are still proving it now.

Those E-Boats

So much for the attack from the air.

You hear a lot about E-boats. The E. stands simply for enemy motor-torpedo boats. We've got the measure of those, too. Our destroyers and our own M.T.B.s have got their answer ready for signal, "Prepare to repel enemy M.T.B. attack."

And more than once in the past few weeks they have given the answer.

Then U-boats. It wouldn't surprise the Royal Navy at all if there is a sudden wave of U-boats playing a part in Hitler's fight for supremacy in the Channel.

We have the secret Asdic apparatus carried by the escorting warships.

And what the Asdic picks up in the way of U-boats our depth charges can blow to smithereens beneath the sea.

Every ship in convoy these days has been degaussed against magnetic mines. Contact and floating mines we deal with by rifle fire and bullets from our machine-guns. We dealt with six when I was on "the bumper trip."

Then there are other secret answers to Germany's new weapons. In addition, there are secret weapons of our own.

And for whatever Hitler thinks up next our scientific and engineering experts will have the job of finding an antidote.

The Antidote

After the speed with which we were able to smash his theory that his magnetic mines were invincible, there is not the slightest reason for swerving from the essential fact of every war—that whatever new weapons emerge there will always be an antidote.

The escort vessel from which I saw all the Channel battle is one of our crack warships. There are very few parts of the ship where there isn't something which is on the "hush-hush" list.

What a difference from the earlier stages of the war at sea. Then, as in other phases of the struggle against aggression, we weren't ready.

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They are the unknown men behind "the bumper trip."

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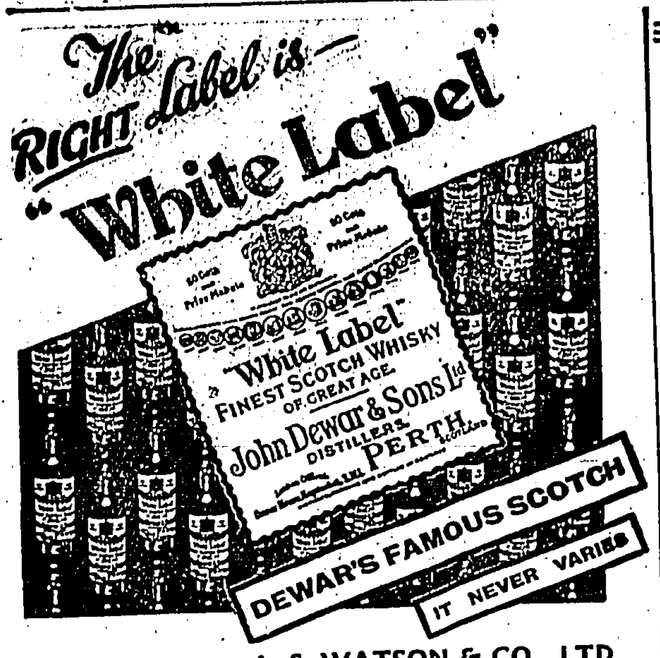
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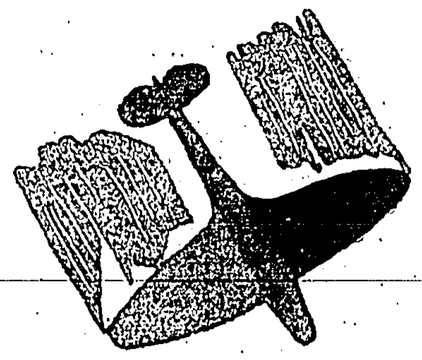
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DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

A GALLUP Poll at the present time to discover the most unpopular—and, let it be said the least envied—institution in Hongkong would almost assuredly give first place to the Evacuation Advisory Committee. Its original task of issuing evacuation orders has been invidious; its second job of turning down appeals distasteful.

By and large the committee has tackled its work well and has clearly attempted to remain consistent to the principle of "exceptional circumstances merit exceptional treatment." That it has not, perhaps, entirely succeeded in this aim can be set down as regrettable but not damning. Chief difficulty confronting the committee has been that all the appellants, *ipso facto*, are convinced that their cases are exceptional, but it has been made abundantly clear from the testimonies given that very few indeed really come under this heading, providing, of course the evacuation itself is not considered as exceptional. Close reading of the appeals heard to date convinces that in the main the decisions have been fair and reasonable. A somewhat too strict interpretation of the terms of reference might have been made in one or two cases, notably where an appeal has been made for the temporary return of people for the purpose of re-embarking for Australia.

We do confess, however, to feeling a strong twinge of doubt concerning the precedent created yesterday when permission was given for a woman to return to the Colony for the purpose of conducting her husband's business. The circumstances appear to be more unfortunate than exceptional, and the danger of the committee's decision is in the implication that while personal interests must go to the wall, business considerations are to be pandered.

The necessity of Hongkong doing its utmost to carry on its commerce and industry during these trying times cannot be over-emphasised; but we have yet to be convinced that it is necessary to recall evacuated women for this purpose, especially in view of the overloaded unemployment market which exists here. There are literally dozens of well educated, intelligent, and eager young Chinese in the Colony who would jump at the opportunity of filling these vacancies. This is the time to offer them the chance of proving their abilities, and it would make some contribution, however small, to alleviating our unemployment problem.

Open Letter to Lord Halifax

By the Rev. W. Rowland Jones
(Vicar of Denton, Manchester).

"You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?"

MY LORD,—People have been saying sarcastic things about your speeches, and have dubbed them "platitudinous sermons." I am not going to join in that criticism.

I am glad that you have had the courage at least to try to lift this conflict on to the plane of ideals.

Nation after nation has gone down because its people have had no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish.

You are one of the few statesmen who have tried to give the people of this country an ideal worth fighting for. If there is criticism in this letter, my Lord, I mean it to be constructive, not carping.

You have said that this struggle is between Christianity and Nazism. Will you tell us what you mean by Christianity?

PAGAN HORROR

I know that you, like your father before you, are an Anglo-Catholic. You cannot, of course, mean that we are fighting for Anglo-Catholicism, or, indeed, for any kind of "ism."

If so, the sooner we capitulate the better.

You must mean by Christianity, a way of life, and when you oppose it to Nazism you mean, we are fighting for a particular method of organising our national life, and you call it Christianity.

Nazism is a way of organising national life; it is a brutal way, a slave way, a pagan way. Over against that you set up our method —the way of love, of freedom, fellowship, justice and brotherliness. You call it Christianity.

Now, my Lord, will you answer this question? Do you think that our country in the past has been organised on Christian principles?

Before this pagan horror called Nazism arose, was Britain the embodiment of Christian principles?

Take your mind back to 1927. There were nearly two million unemployed. Was that Christianity? Are we fighting to get that back?

When I was a curate in Durham there were hundreds of my people whose homes were one room. They were miners, mostly out of work.

Rearing their heads above these slums were the sumptuous houses of the deans and dignitaries of the Cathedral.

Burned upon my mind is a picture of a little child asleep in a bed with a corpse, and in the same room a man with four other children eating a frugal meal.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, that shipload of oranges from Spain which, just before the war, was emptied into the sea off Liverpool to keep up prices?

On that sultry summer day there were children in Lancashire to whom oranges were an unattainable luxury.

My Lord—is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

Do you remember, my Lord, Sir John Orr's report, just before the war, on "Food, Health and Income"? That report proved by irrefutable figures that millions of British children were seriously underfed.

My Lord—Is this Christianity? Is this what we are fighting to preserve?

If we are fighting for Christianity, let us tell the people exactly what we mean by Christianity.

In the midst of war, we must not try to fob people off with vacuous words. Official Christianity has tried to do that, and has turned a blind eye to the social demands of Jesus.

He once went to dinner with some people, my Lord, of your class. He could not endure it when He saw them scrambling for the best seats, and ignoring the hungry crowds.

He turned on them with flaming words of anger.

JUSTICE & FREEDOM

One of the well-to-do spoke unctuously about heaven, and of the glory above the sky. Jesus would have none of it.

His concern was with humanity here and now.

Tell the people that, when you say we are fighting for Christianity, you are not thinking so much of the making of prayers and the making of creeds, but of the making of a New Britain.

Tell them that by Christianity you mean first justice for all, so that none of God's children shall ever again be exploited or treated as a mere tool for another man's gain.

Tell them that Christianity stands for freedom—freedom not only from foreign tyrants but from anxiety and worry and poverty and unemployment.

Tell them that Christianity stands for true human brotherhood, in family, in group, in nation, and finally among the whole body of nations.

Those are the demands which are implied in Christianity, and they have not been conspicuous in the Britain of the last twenty years.

Your Lordship may say that is not the time for such talk. We are too busy winning the war to think of what sort of world shall emerge after the war.

There will be no winning of the war, my Lord, unless the people who are fighting this war know exactly what they are fighting for.

Men with ideals make the best soldiers. Cromwell proclaimed that.

"NEVER AGAIN"

People of this generation have been "sold a pup" once before like that. They were told to win the Great War first, and talk of aims afterwards.

They were hypnotised by vague talk of "homes for heroes," while all the time their rulers were making secret treaties which pinned the people down for another decade to the old evils of the old bad pre-war world.

We want to know that that shall never happen again.

Will you broadcast again, my Lord, and will you tell your listeners that over against the Fascist and Nazi system which is trying to drive the world back to barbarism by perpetuating the class slavery of the servile poor, we are fighting for Christianity?

Then tell them what Christianity means; no more unemployment, no longer the motive of private gain, but service for the good of the community.

Tell them it means pity, mercy, kindness, love and the interpretation of these glad virtues in every detail of public life.

Tell them, in a word, that Christianity means loving God with all our heart—and that means loving the good within humanity—and the setting forth of that Divine Love, by loving man with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

That is an ideal worth fighting for, but even as we fight we want to know that it is guaranteed, and our fight will be short, sharp, impassioned and victorious.

You understand, I am sure, what I mean.

We within the Churches have allowed people to imagine, when we talk of Christianity, that it is wholly to do with worship and hymn-singing, and some sort of perpetual harp-accompanied worship in heaven. We know that that is wrong.

THE GREAT IDEAL

Christianity stands for social justice. Hitler knows that. For that very reason he persecutes the Church, and the Jews, who gave us the Bible.

He is fighting against Christianity, and he has enough sense to know that Christianity rightly applied, means the end of all the beastly horrors for which he stands.

Germany persecutes the Church because it is—or might be—the breeding ground of equality and brotherhood.

But there is another danger, the danger of trying to turn Christianity into other-worldliness.

Russia has persecuted religion because the Churches of Russia had set forth a Christianity which was not brotherly enough, which was a drug, an opiate.

Let the people see, my Lord, that we are out for the genuine article when we speak of Christianity.

We want to see the type of Christianity which Hitler hates firmly established in this land.

When the clergy, of whom I am one, set forth the pure, life-transforming religion of Jesus, and when the ruling classes, whom you represent, make it clear that they are not going to rest until that pure ideal is established here, our people will fight not merely with the weapons of the flesh, but with those mightier weapons of the Spirit, which are invincible.

And the victory will be won.

ROOSEVELT AND WILLKIE

By Julius C. Edelstein
United Press Staff Correspondent

The National presidential campaign, suffering somewhat from lack of attention because of the crashing of bombs in Europe, has gotten underway, with President Roosevelt given a slightly better chance to win than Wendell Willkie, his colourful Republican opponent.

Wagers made by professional betters listed Roosevelt as an 8 to 5 favourite, as the September campaign opened. The heavy odds are explained as discounting the initial burst of popular enthusiasm which greeted Willkie's entrance into the political arena.

Political observers generally agree, however, that there is more uncertainty in the forthcoming campaign than in any political race of the last decade, and that the battle on the Thames may well decide the outcome of the United States presidential election in November.

Political experts believe, however, that Britain's vigorous resistance to the German air onslaught through the months following the French collapse have measurably improved Roosevelt's election prospects, or at least, have eliminated some of the uncertain factors.

Many observers believed that if Britain collapsed, or negotiated an unfavourable peace with Germany before the early Autumn, a reaction would set in throughout the United States which might help to unseat the present administration.

The British resistance has given no opportunity for the growth of what the President has called the "appeasement spirit" in the United States.

The Republican candidate, however, has rebuked every suggestion or intimation that he represents the philosophy of appeasement. He has pledged himself to wage an economic battle against Hitler, and to defeat him "on our own terms," if elected.

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Despite the optimism of Democratic leaders, there is no concealment of the fact that a vast unrest prevails throughout the nation, which will undoubtedly be translated into many more votes for Willkie than Republican candidate Alf. M. Landon got in 1936.

A large unemployment persists, despite billions of dollars which the Roosevelt Administration has spent to "prime the pump" of industry.

Big business and a considerable portion of little business is completely antagonistic to that portion of the New Deal's social reforms which have placed new burdens and restrictions on their particular enterprises.

The war has also caused a split among many of Roosevelt's liberal and independent followers. Some of them, formerly among his most enthusiastic advocates, have turned cool because of his pro-British foreign policy which they assert is leading the United States toward war.

John L. Lewis, Congress of Industrial Organisation leader and a figure in the ranks of organised labour, has repeatedly criticised many of Roosevelt's defence policies, and especially the policy of compulsory military training. It is highly doubtful whether Lewis would be able to swing any considerable organised labour support to Willkie, but the disaffection is bound to weaken Roosevelt's support.

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Some liberal intellectuals have swung over to Willkie on the grounds that the preservation of the two-term tradition was more important than either the continuation of the New Deal, or the guidance of experience in the present world crisis.

Willkie has, in the preliminary stages, waged an intelligent campaign according to the most impartial judgments. He has made the most of his advantages, and has jabbed incessantly at weak points in the Roosevelt armour.

He has stood unequivocally for aid to Britain, and support of all measures for national defence, both of which he believes are widely popular. He has aimed his chief appeal at independent and middle-of-the-road voters, counting as already won the extremely conservative votes.

He has been pleasantly informal in his contacts with the press, and friendly and amiable in his associations with politicians.

By spending most of his time in the interior of the country he has sought to shake the accusation that he is a Wall Street lawyer, and a New York corporation spokesman.

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Despite all these political moves, Roosevelt appears at present to have a decided advantage. He still has the loyalty of the large bulk of youths, Jewish groups, Negroes, anti-Nazis, and tenant farmers.

America Registers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UP).—Major provisions of the Conscription Bill passed by the Senate are:

Who Must Register And How

With few exceptions, all men who have passed their 21st birthday and have not reached their 31st birthday, must register. This applies to citizens and aliens alike; but aliens will not be subject to draft unless they have declared their intention to become U.S. citizens. The fact that a person has dependents does not exempt him from registration.

Election officials throughout the land will conduct the registration, probably 14 days after final enactment of the bill. It is estimated that 12,000,000 men must register.

Exemptions From Registration

Specifically exempt from registration are active, reserve and cadet members of the Army, National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; members of the Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service; officials, but not employees, of the Federal and State Governments.

Who Will Be Drafted

The bill permits 900,000 conscripts to be in training at any one time. About 400,000 probably will be drafted this autumn. A lottery will determine the order in which men will be called before local draft boards throughout the country for determination whether they should be inducted into the army.

The bill gives the President broad powers to lay down regulations for the boards to follow in deciding whom to select. The Army says it does not intend to take any men who have dependents or who are employed in essential industrial or agricultural pursuits. College students probably will not be drafted. The bill exempts divinity students for service. Physical fitness of course will be considered.

The Army estimates that after deferments for these reasons there will be about 4,500,000 able-bodied, single men from whom to select. Each state and locality will be given a quota in proportion to the total manpower it registers. In brief, those to be drafted will be mostly single men with unimportant jobs or no jobs.

Appeals

Boards will be set up to hear appeals from men who wish to contest their selection by the local draft boards.

Penalties

To evade the draft, and assist anyone to do so, would be punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and $10,000 fine, or both. The cases would be heard in the Federal courts rather than by military courts, which decided world war draft cases.

Length Of Service

The one year period could be extended indefinitely if the country became engaged in war or Congress declared the national interest was imperilled. Conscripts would become members of the reserves after completing their year of active duty. Almost all the conscripts will be taken into the army; the navy may take a few later.

Conscientious Objectors

Exempted from military service, if they can prove to the Department of Justice that their objections are based on legitimate religious scruples. The President could assign such objectors, however, to non-combatant service.

Pay

For the first four months of their year's training, draftees would receive $21 a month. For the next eight, they would receive $30, unless they won promotion to higher grades at slightly higher pay. The original bill provided pay of $5 a month.

Use of Conscripts

Permitted only in the Western Hemisphere, the United States, its territories and possessions, including the Philippine Islands. The provision was inserted to prevent the dispatch of a conscript army to Europe.

Job Protection

Conscripts on the Federal Government's payroll would be guaranteed the return of their jobs, without loss of seniority. Congress expresses its desire that state and local governmental subdivisions follow suit. Private employers would be required to rehire conscripts, unless it is impossible or unreasonable for them to do so. Draftees denied re-employment could appeal to Federal Court for a judicial ruling.

Debt Protection

The bill provides a moratorium on tax and insurance charges for which draftees are liable until after their training period.



SEEKING SAFETY—British nurses carrying babies to safety after Hitler's night raiders razed part of children's hospital, in London. Babies seem cheerful despite bandages.

Italian Warship Is Blown Up In Red Sea

LONDON, OCT. 22, (REUTER).—THE ITALIAN DESTROYER FRANCESCO NULLO WAS FORCED AGROUND AND WAS BLOWN UP BY A TORPEDO FIRED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S DESTROYER KIMBERLEY IN A SPIRITED ACTION IN THE RED SEA.

This was revealed in an Admiralty communique issued to-night, giving an entirely different complexion to the action as reported by Rome.

During the night of October 20, relates the Admiralty, one of our convoys in the Red Sea was attacked by two Italian destroyers who fired torpedoes at escorting vessels and shelled the convoy.

Our escorting vessels immediately opened fire on the enemy and gave chase. Contact was temporarily lost but H.M.S. Kimberley, commanded by Lieut.-Cmdr. J. S. M. Richardson, R.N., regained touch at daylight and, engaged one enemy destroyer identified as the Francesco Nullo. After an action lasting 40 minutes, the Italian destroyer, having been heavily damaged, ran ashore and was blown up by a torpedo fired by the Kimberley.

The Kimberley came under the fire of a shore battery of three guns and received one hit, splinters from which damaged a steam pipe and reduced her speed. The Kimberley succeeded, however, in silencing two of the three guns.

In this spirited action the Kimberley sustained three wounded and the next of kin will be informed immediately.

No other ship, either escorting vessel or in convoy, received any damage.

Another Destroyer

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An Italian destroyer in the Red Sea was attacked yesterday by Royal Air Force bombers and a direct hit on the vessel's stern was scored.

This was only part of the widespread operations by British Air Force in the Middle East yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

Between Sollum and Buq, low level attacks on enemy working parties and motor transport were carried out. A number of military vehicles were destroyed by fire and others were severely damaged.

Further bombing raids were made on Asmara and Gura in Eritrea when tanks near workshops were hit and buildings were set on fire.

Two raids were made on Bahardar (Lake Tana), aerodrome causing three explosions. At Tessenei direct hits were registered on buildings.

An Italian plane intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. aircraft was chased for 30 miles. The Italian bomber was last seen losing height rapidly and emitting black smoke from its fuselage.

In a recent engagement over the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier, a fighter plane of the South African Air Force shot down an Italian Caproni bomber the crew of which were taken prisoner.

There were a number of enemy planes over Malta yesterday but they fled without attempting to attack when they were intercepted by British fighters.

Alexandria Attack

Alexandria, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Alexandria early this morning. One person was slightly injured. Very slight damage was caused, stated an Admiralty communique.

Enemy Ship Bombed

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An enemy merchant vessel of nearly 2,000 tons was successfully bombed three miles off Hook of Holland by a R.A.F. plane this afternoon.

After sighting the enemy vessel, the British bomber dived through the cloud and dropped a stick of high explosive bombs from a height of 900 feet, scoring a direct hit on the bow of the vessel, announces the Air Ministry.

Earl Of Athlone

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, engaged in animated conversation as they walked down the platform from the train on which the latter returned from his weekend visit to President Roosevelt's Hyde Park residence.

LABOUR DEMANDS IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Complete overhaul of Australian war and home defence administrations and an increase in soldiers' pay are among the demands being made by the official Labour Party.

They are outlined in a letter handed to Mr. R. G. Menzies, Premier, by Mr. John Curtin, Labour leader, at the conference of Party managers which is discussing the proposal for a national government.

The conference held a secret session this morning. There was another meeting later to hear Mr. Menzies' reply to the Labour demands.

Historic Decision

Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, stated that the decision to set up an Australian War Council was a "historic one and significant of the united determination of the Australian people and political parties to do the utmost in the war in which their very existence is at stake."

The Council presided over by the Prime Minister will comprise four members representing the Government and four representing the Opposition. Its task will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

The Labour Party has agreed to place the service of its individual members at the disposal of the Ministers for the prosecution of the war.

Composition of Council

CANBERRA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—An important step for the realisation of Party political unity in Australia for the prosecution of the war was made by the conference of Party managers which has accepted the Labour Party proposal for the formation of an Australian War Council.

Labour members of the Council will comprise three from the official Labour Party and one from the non-Communist Labour Party.

The Council, over which the Prime Minister (Mr. R. G. Menzies) will preside, will be established without delay.

The Prime Minister revealed in a Press interview that he had offered the combined Labour Parties 50 per cent. of the portfolios in the National Government a week ago but this matter had not been discussed further.

GEORGE MEDALS

Air Raid Warden's Courage

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—John German, a part-time Bolton air raid warden, who although wounded in an air raid struggled to his post and collapsed but got his message through, has been awarded the George Medal, it is announced in the "London Gazette."

The George Medal is also awarded to a Birmingham auxiliary fireman, to members of the Bristol and Cardiff Fire Brigades and Auxiliary Fire Services and to the Chief Officer of the Milford-Haven Fire Brigade.

The medal of the Order of the British Empire is awarded to a Bristol auxiliary fireman and to a member of the Newport Fire Brigade.

All these awards are in recognition of gallant conduct during a very serious fire started by an air attack. While it was being fought, there were air raids day and night, and the firemen were machine-gunned as well as bombed.

THE NEW ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The war can never be won without a military decision in the east or the west or on both fronts, and that is why we are building up a great army," said Lord Croft, Under Secretary of War, in London to-day.

"It must be an army of superior efficiency. If the army is a happy family there will be no Maginot complex."

Free France Generals Meet In Africa

DUALA, Cameroons, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle has just concluded a tour of French Equatorial Africa, including the interior of the Cameroons and the Chad region.

At Yaounde, the capital of the Cameroons, and at Fort Lamy, the capital of Chad, and numerous other places which the party visited by plane, General de Gaulle was enthusiastically welcomed by the European and native population, local chiefs often coming from afar to affirm their loyalty.

Perhaps the most moving movement of the whole tour was the meeting at the Governor's Headquarters at Fort Lamy between General de Gaulle and General Georges Catroux, former Governor of Indo-China, who came specially from London to assure General de Gaulle of his full support and to bring new evidence of Britain's will and growing power to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

General Catroux has left for England again and General de Gaulle is back at Duala.

Socialist Manifesto

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—"The Socialists of France are convinced that England fights alone to defend the freedom of the entire world against the monstrous attempt to enslave it made by Hitler and Mussolini. They salute with admiration the resistance of the British people and are convinced that in this they are at one with almost the entire French population."

This declaration is made in a manifesto recently drawn up in unoccupied French territory by members of the French Socialist Party, which has just reached here.

Berlin Comment

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast to France is described by political circles in Berlin to-day as "an attempt to enlist the French people once more as an ally."

It is further described as "another proof of the hopeless position of Britain who, without a chance of escape, is moving towards her destruction."

Weygand at Fez

Vichy, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—General Weygand flew to Fez yesterday to review troops of the local garrison, states the Vichy radio.

Anti-Axis Feeling

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The anti-Axis movement in unoccupied France is described by a writer in the Swiss paper, "National Zeitung."

The anti-British feeling which followed the collapse of France and the incidents at Oran and Dakar, he says, has been replaced by growing sympathy.

For a long time the French people could not understand why their countrymen bearing a white flag were fired on at Dakar. They now believe that the order to fire was given by the Germans.

While Marshal Petain is anxious to check anti-British feeling, the writer says that he is opposed by M. Laval and M. Baudouin, who are staking everything on the Nazi cards.

DESERT WARFARE

MOSLEMS NOT EAGER TO FIGHT BRITISH

With the British Army in the Western Desert, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—There is a marked strengthening of British defences in the western desert.

At present military activity is not large, consisting chiefly of skirmishes and brief clashes between forward armoured units, but it is reasonable to suppose that an Italian advance may be ordered—by—General—Graziani soon.

Italian planes are busy photographing what is visible of the enormously increased British defence posts while the Royal Air Force daily pounds the Italian rear between Sidi Barrani and Ben Ghazi. The Italians attempt to retaliate with raids on the desert camps which are excellently camouflaged; hence casualties are small.

General Gallina, who now appears to be Second-in-Command, has encountered difficulties in preparing troops for a further advance into Egypt as Moslem troops are reluctant to invade the country. Many of Gallina's troops are pure Egyptians who settled in Cyrenaica and were conscripted. Large numbers of the Libyan troops are of the Senussi tribe, which is notably lukewarm in its support of the Italians.

Delayed By Feasts

It appears that the advance is likely to be delayed until after the feasts of Ramadan and Bairam which conclude in 16 days.

Full use of the difficult desert terrain has been made in the British defence system.

Great underground defences works have been constructed. Almost perfect cover is assured for tents and equipment and bombing Italians have to drop bombs at random.

The New Zealand troops are particularly pleased at being in the war zone after their long training near Cairo.

The Bedouin tribes have been seen trekking from the war zone driving their herds and flocks before them. They are no embarrassment to the military authorities as they are nomadic and can find a living almost anywhere.

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to the United States, was received by the King to-day.

His Majesty also received Mr. Winston Churchill, who remained to lunch.

Joseph P. Kennedy's Farewell Message

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter.)—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador in London, left for Lisbon to-day. From there he will take the clipper for America.

In a farewell message just as he was leaving the Embassy, he said: "I would like to tell them over there how it is here. I have been through it all and have the greatest admiration for Londoners."

One of the Ambassador's last acts before leaving was the inspection of a parade of the local mounted branch of the Home Guard in the grounds of his country house, where he was heartily cheered.

Another evidence that his admiration for the British is reciprocated is revealed in an article by the well-known political writer, Mr. Beverley Baxter.

Mr. Baxter, commenting on Mr. Kennedy's work on behalf of Anglo-American friendship, says that when the Ambassador arrived with his charming wife and large family, he captured the imagination of the British public. Everything he said and did enhanced the affection of those of us who knew him and the esteem of the whole nation.

Remained U.S. Envoy

After the war began and Mr. Kennedy went home, he did not play the role we had perhaps rather foolishly expected. He steadfastly remained an American Ambassador instead of becoming a British one. The result was that his popularity underwent a slump, but to his eternal credit he did not become embittered.

Now, for no other reason than true recognition of his character, his popularity has come back. It has nothing to do with his family, his golf or his smile. It is more solid and enduring. He has earned the respect due to a great American Ambassador, who never for a moment mistook the country to which he was accredited for the country of his birth.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day had a slow session, and although there was generally an easier disposition there were no signs of selling.

Home rails, however, again moved against the general trend due to further provincial buying interest.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

Polish Patriot Dead

Nazi Torture Alleged

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The distinguished Polish political leader and patriot, Maciej Rataj, has been killed by the Gestapo, according to Polish circles in London.

He is stated to have been murdered five months ago, but news has only just become known.

The official German version is "Death from heart failure," but according to London Polish circles he died after third degree torture.

For many years Rataj was Speaker of the Polish Parliament and leader of the biggest political Party, the Radical Peasants' Party.

New A.D.C.-General To The King

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—A new honour for British Army leaders is announced by the War Office to-night in the form of following appointments as Aides-de-Camp General to the King.

General Viscount Gort with effect from July 20 in succession to General Sir Edmund Ironside, who has been promoted Field Marshal.

General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson with effect from June 8 in succession to General Sir William Bartholomew who has retired from the active list.

General Sir John Dill, with effect from July 1 in succession to General Sir Walter Kirke, who has retired from the active list.

French Building Fortifications Close To The Thailand Border

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Oct. 22 (UP).—Travellers from Ankor Vat report that the French are rapidly building strong frontier fortifications and are blockading all roads.

They said there are numerous Thai troops at Aranya; however, there are few fortifications on the Thai side of the frontier.

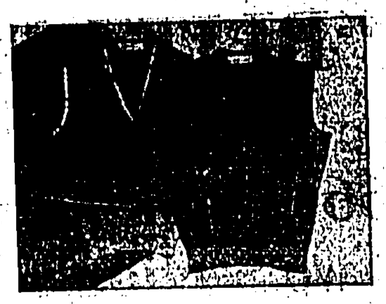
Vernacular newspapers also report heading a goodwill mission, has re-

there are secret troop movements on the French side of the northeastern frontier.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Colonel Luang Prom Yodhi, Ministers to-morrow.

This evening, 3,000 students of the Catholic Colleges made a demonstra-tion.

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Advice To Britons To Leave Japanese Areas

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Any British subjects in Japan whose duties do not entail their staying in the country, would obviously be well advised to leave "while the going is good" although there has been no question of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, putting into effect his emergency scheme for evacuation, said well-informed quarters in London to-day.

There has been no change in the immediate situation and British subjects who have businesses, are carrying on to the best of their ability.

Shanghai Will Wait

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The news that the British authorities are advising Britons who have no special reason for staying in Japanese occupied areas of China, to leave, has been received calmly.

No general exodus is expected unless more definite instructions are forthcoming.

Loth To Leave

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Only about 90 Americans in the Tientsin area have indicated their wish to evacuate within the next few months.

There are about 1,700 United States nationals resident in the Tientsin area.

Evacuation Confirmed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is officially confirmed that the British authorities have advised British subjects, not only in Japan, but in the Japanese occupied areas of China to depart unless they have urgent reasons to the contrary.

They emphasized, however, that no general instructions have been given, and there is no question of compulsion. The authorities deprecated the alarming interpretations regarding the move and compared it as being similar to the movement of Japanese residents in the United Kingdom.

Evacuation Tribunal

Mrs. D. G. Frost writes to point out that we erroneously reported that she appeared before the Evacuation Tribunal yesterday for exemption, whereas it was to advise the Tribunal that she had written to the Secretary of State for the Colonies putting her case before him and that she would remain in Hongkong until she had received a reply from him. We are sorry if our report created any misunderstanding.

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"BLITZ-BALL" HAVING ITS SECOND WAR-TIME SEASON IN ENGLAND

66 Teams Compete In Two Sections: Air Raids Are Big Hazard

(By H. L. PERCY, "United Press" Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Oct. 1 (UP).—Professional Association Football in Britain has started its second war-time season along lines which the "fans" are calling "blitz-ball."

Air-raids are the big hazard in all matches. All games must stop directly the warning goes, and if there is no resumption before the "all clear", then the goal-score when the game was stopped stands as the result. There are no replays, and goal-averages, not points, count in the championship tables this season.

Hence, a quick goal in the first minute might decide a match if the warning sounded immediately afterwards. And, therefore, all teams try to notch up as many goals as they can right from the kick-off. For instance, Arsenal beat Southend 7-1 on August 31, when the season opened, all the scoring being done in the first half. Hence the "Blitz-ball."

The new system, it is hoped, will produce brighter football since it is no longer sufficient to get a lead and then play entirely on the defensive. Both sides must attack all the time to get as many goals as possible, for they never know when the sirens may bring a halt.

Many Changes

The war has made big and revolutionary changes in the professional football set-up. Before the war the English League was divided into four graded divisions. Each had its own championships on a basis of points, and there was promotion and relegation from one division to another. There was also the Football Association cup competition in which all the clubs played on equal terms.

With the start of the war football ceased for a while, until a make-shift scheme was devised. About two dozen clubs closed themselves down "for the duration", but the remainder were split into six geographical sections, irrespective of their former standing in the league.

This was not particularly successful, for not only did it provide too many tame matches between "giants" and "lambs", but the sections had completed their double-header fixtures long before the season was over.

New Arrangement

A re-distribution of the teams was then made, still geographical but more equal in strength, and what was called a war competition was started. This was not a straight knockout tournament like the peace time cup competition. Instead every team played every other team in its section twice, at home and away, and the total goal-score decided the issue.

Eventually, the four section champions met in two semi-finals and a final. West Ham beat Blackburn Rovers 1-0 in the final at Wembley stadium.

But still managers found football was not paying, and gate receipts were hitting new lows. There were several reasons for this. For instance, when, at the start of the war, mass air attacks were generally expected, the Government put a strict limit on the size of crowds, in or out of doors. Later, it was relaxed to a minimum of 15,000 for out-door gatherings, and then still further relaxed according to the capacity of the ground.

Another reason was that with the spurt in war production, the British working man no longer had his Saturday afternoon free. Instead of yelling himself hoarse in the bleachers of his favourite team, he was either in the army or busy turning out guns, planes and shells.

Lack Of Players

A third reason was that clubs were hard put to find even medium class players to put in the field, for the young, fit footballers were among the first to be snapped up by the fighting forces.

The season closed last May, and the football authorities immediately started planning for the new season. Their plans were nearly wrecked when Hitler started his aerial blitzkrieg on June 18, and it seemed that all such out-door gatherings would have to be stopped on account of the frequency and danger of daylight raids.

At the last minute, however, the Ministry of Home Security relented, but issued some general instructions to which clubs must adhere. These were:—

1. **The match must be suspended till the "raiders passed" (all clear) is sounded.**

2. **The crowd must take shelter in the stadium, and must not leave for shelters elsewhere. But any body is at liberty to go home.**

3. **The match must not be abandoned unless the warning is given shortly before the end, or the stadium possesses no shelter.**

Season Underway

Thus, the second war season has got underway. Sixty-six teams are competing, compared with 88 in the pence-time league. They are divided into two groups only, North and South, the line of division being roughly across the middle of England. There are 32 teams in the northern section, and 34 in the southern.

Crowds on the opening day were not large at any of the matches but this cannot be attributed to the possibility of air-raids. London alone on that day had a record number of alarms (7), yet there was a sufficiently long break between them for all of the five matches in London to be played without interruption. No matches in any other part of the country were interrupted either.

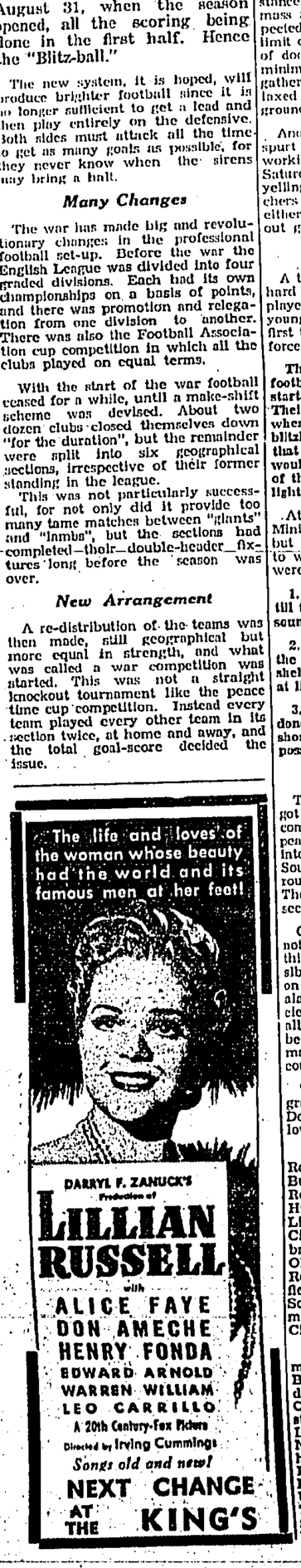
The two sections, which have programme arranged up to the end of December, are composed as follows:—

NORTH. — Barnsly, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford, Bradford City, Burnley, Bury, Chester, Doncaster Rovers, Everton, Grimsby, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull City, Leads United, Lincoln City, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, New Brighton, Newcastle, Oldham Athletic, Preston North End, Rochdale, Rotherham United, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southport, Stockport County, Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham and York City.

SOUTH.—Aldershot, Arsenal, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton & Hove, Bristol City, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Chealsea, Clapton Orient, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Leicester City, Luton Town, Mansfield, Millwall, Northampton, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Nottingham County, Portsmouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Reading, Southampton, Southend United, Stoke City, Swansea Town, Tottenham Hotspur, Walsall, Watford, West Bromwich Albion and West Ham.



TRIUMPHANT REDS—Victory by the Reds over the Phillies gave them the pennant in the National Baseball League, and then they went on to beat Detroit Tigers, American League pennant-winners, in one of the closest World Series in recent years by four matches to three. Here, Manager Bill McKechnie is swung aloft in the dressing room by the exuberant players.



Rugby

Army Make Changes For Saturday

Berry To Play At Full Back

Army have made several changes in their first Rugby fifteen to meet Police Rugby Union Football Club at Boundary Street on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. most interesting of which is the selection of Pte. Berry, who has invariably played as a front-row forward, as full-back.

The threequarters and halves remain unchanged, but several newcomers appear in the pack. 22/Lt. Bompas, who turned out for Club last year, appears as a front row forward, while 2/Lt. Ford, who was full-back last Saturday against Club, will be hooker. Lt. Willoughby has been dropped and the remaing forwards are the same as played against Club on Saturday.

Capt. Hewitt, who played for Army first fifteen last season, and Cpl. Bedford, who gave a fine performance for the "A" fifteen last Saturday, are among the reserves.

The following is the Army fifteen, members of which are requested to be on the ground 15 minutes before the start of the game:

Pte. Berry (Middlesex); L/Bdr. Richards (R.A.), Capt. J. A. H. Douglass (R. Scots), Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.) and Sgt. Marsh (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.) and 2/Lt. Wedderburn (R.A.); 2/Lt. Bompas (R.A.), 2/Lt. D. Ford (R. Scots), Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); 2 /Lt. H. A. W. Millar (R. Scots), 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); Capt. D. A. Duke (R. Scots), 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.) and 2/Lt. D. Pinkerton (R. Scots).

Reserves are Capt. Hewitt (Middlesex), Cpl. Bedford (Signals) Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.), Gnr. Giblin (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.).

The team will train at Happy Valley to-morrow evening at 5 p.m.

Club Fifteen

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club "A" at Rugby today against Royal Navy on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m.

J. Rogers, P. B. Wilson, D. H. Stewart, C. F. Needham, H. Van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo; C. M. Stark, R. C. Gairdner, R. E. Heasman; A. G. Dalziel, R. M. King; J. Moodie, R. G. Castleton and W. Stoker.

Hockey

Club Draw With Sappers 1-1

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, Hongkong Hockey Club drew with the Royal Engineers, the score being 1-1.

Play in the first half was scrappy, and the Club players, who seemed to be on the slow side, missed many opportunities. Both teams settled down in the second period, and the standard of play reached a good level.

Shaw scored for the Sappers early in the second half, and Sidney Fowler equalised.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey to-day and to-morrow on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, both matches starting at 5 p.m.:

To-day, 2nd XI v. St. Andrew's Fellowship.—Fishlock; Heptonstall and Railton; Smits, Gilchrist and Gorman; Banks, Grant, McGahan, Ireson and Bevan.

To-morrow, "A" XI. v. Hongkong University.—V. M. Benwell; J. H. Jordan and Saxby; R. Baldwin, Coombe and Waldron; Macey, Ure, Pennington, Dunne and Highlands.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD SEMI-FINALS

The semi-final round matches in the Gutierrez Shield International Lawn Bowls Competition will be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club greens on Sunday, October 27, at 3 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:

Philippines or Australia v. England or Wales.

Ireland or Switzerland v. Scotland or India.

The second round matches will take place on Craigengower Cricket Club's green on Saturday at 3 p.m. instead of at 3.30 p.m. as previously advertised.

JOHORE GRAND PRIX IN AID OF WAR FUND

Malayan Motorists Organise Two-day Race Meet

AN EVENT UNIQUE in the annals of Malayan motoring will take place on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 when the Automobile Association of Malaya will stage, under the patronage of the Regent of Johore, the Johore Grand Prix Motor Races in aid of The War Fund.

The Grand Prix, for which the cream of Malayan motoring skill will compete, is a magnificent trophy presented by the Regent.

For the first time it will be possible for spectators in the grandstand to see the cars, starting level, fight it out over a 10-mile course, passing them six times as they lap the circuit.

Entry to the race, will be by invitation only and fifteen invitations will be sent out to competitors who will compete as representatives from the States of Johore, Perak, and Selangor—and—from—Penang—and Malacca. As the Singapore and Johore branches of the Association are combined, it is unlikely that Singapore will be separately represented.

Included in these fifteen invitations is an invitation to the Royal Automobile Association of Thailand, asking it to send a representative competitor, so that an inter-State and International atmosphere will pervade the whole event.

It is understood that invitations have already been sent to several drivers who have proved their skill in Malayan Hill climbs and Speed Trials, including Lim Peng Han, P. K. Braid, Conrad Oldham, C. O. Jennings, N. G. Reddish, C. V. Crowther-Smith and Geoffrey Maund.

THE COURSE

THE course, which is almost ready, consists of a portion of the new Johore bye-pass road, and some connecting roads. It commences with a length of the bye-pass of approximately 1.5 miles, followed by five laps of a circuit which will be approximately 1.6 miles to the lap.

Half of this small circuit is on a connecting road on which overtaking will not be allowed. All overtaking will thus be upon the bye-pass which is a new road of good surface, and white lines pointed across the road will indicate the cut-out points at the approaches to the entrance of the circuit.

Voluntary practice will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and official compulsory practice will commence on Saturday, Nov. 16 and continue until 4 p.m. The first three scratch races will then follow.

First race, 4.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,100 c.c.

Second race, 5 p.m.: Scratch race for cars up to 1,500 c.c.

Third race, 5.30 p.m.: Scratch race for cars of unlimited c.c.

SUPERCHARGED CARS

SUPERCHARGED cars will not be penalised and may remain in their correct primary class. Cars finishing in the first three in their scratch race will qualify for the semi-finals.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the semi-finals and final will be held as follows.

First race, 3 p.m.: Lowers' race. A handicap race open to any car not in the first three in the scratch race. The first car to finish will qualify for the semi-finals.

Second race, 3.30 p.m.: First semi-final. This will be a handicap race and will include one car at least from each of the scratch races, five cars in all competing.

Third race, 4 p.m.: Second semi-final. This will be similar to the other semi-final.

The two fastest cars in each of the semi-finals will qualify for the Grand Prix final as also will the faster third.

A tea interval will then follow and at 5 p.m. the scratch race for motor-cycles will be held.

At 5.30 p.m. the Grand Prix Final will follow as the climax of the meeting and will consist of seven laps instead of the usual five.

Cups will be presented for first, second and third places in the scratch races.

TABLE TENNIS

Wardens Contest

A table tennis match between A.R.P. Wardens of Yaumati "A" District and Shumshuipo "C" District was played on Saturday night at the Yuet Sou Middle School. The match resulted in a win for Yaumati by 5-2.

The following were the results, the players of the winning team being mentioned first:

Tsang Kan-bor beat Lo Cheuk-way 2-1; Tang Yu-wah lost to Wong Ting 0-2; Shek Bun lost to Chui Fook-cheung 0-2; Fung Cheung beat Lou Fok-hon 2-0; Tso Chuan-hung beat Lo Kwan-wah 2-1; Yu Man-hoi beat Lo Kwok-chui 2-1; Wong Tai-woon beat Fung Sing-tam 2-0.

Cricket Club Teams For Week-End

The following will represent Hongkong Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st. XI. v. Kowloon C.C. (Away).—Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Finnie R.N., H. Fox, Major D. C. F. Gross, H. Owen-Hughes, J. L. Ilsley, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce, R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd. XI. v. Police (Home).—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brig. T. MacLeod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Tamworth.

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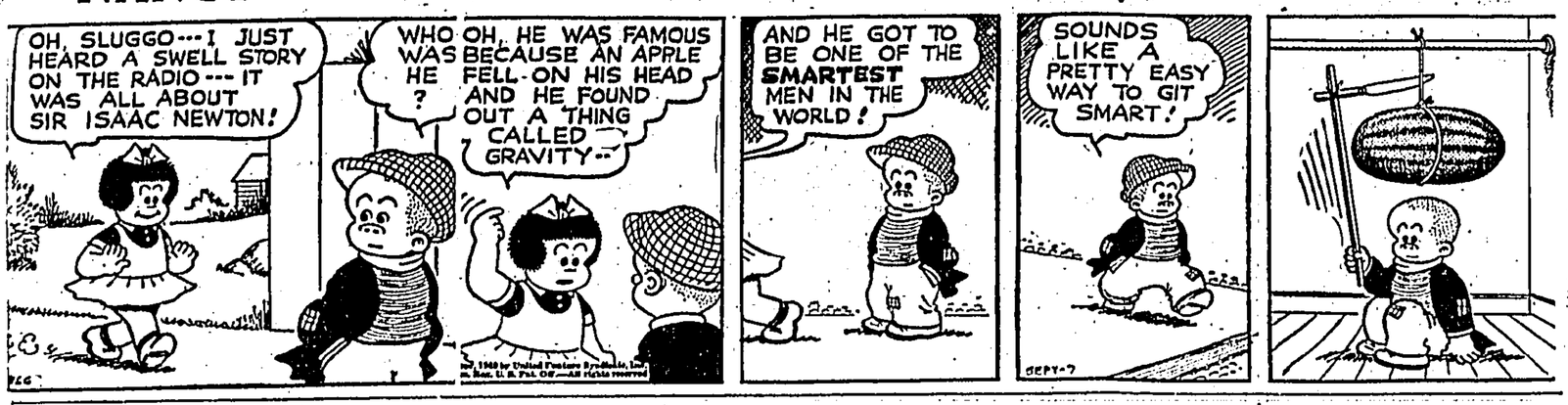
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"You may consider yourself very lucky," said the Puisne Judge, Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he discharged a woman, Wong Wun-man, *alias* Wong Wai-ha, who was found not guilty by the Jury of the possession of 200 forged $10 Chartered Bank notes.

The Jury comprised Messrs. A. Howarth (foreman), F. A. Hill, D. W. Hardwick, To Shing-chung, Yau Cheung-lau, Ng Kam-man and Lee Kuang-cho.

Tribute To Accused In Court Martial

O.C.'s Testimony

"Pearce is a man that I personally would trust," declared Capt. K. S. Mould of the 12th Company, R.A.S.C., when he testified in a Court Martial at Scandal Point this morning as to the character of Henry Leslie Pearce, the accused.

Pearce was charged with making false entries in documents for petrol supplies to a War Department lorry. On the first charge relating to September 10, it was alleged that he entered the issue as seven gallons, whereas he actually issued 16 gallons. There were three other charges, with alternate counts, in respect of issues on the three subsequent days.

President of the Court was Major E. W. F. de V. Hunt, R.A., and Major A. Grieve, R.A.S.C. prosecuted. The defence was conducted by Captain A. Robertson of the Royal Scots.

Accused's Evidence

Testifying, Driver Pearce said that he was attached to the 12th Company, R.A.S.C., and first took over the duties of petrol issuer on September 2. He was relieved of his duties on September 13. He had not previously been employed in the same work and did not have previous knowledge of working a petrol pump. When he took over his duties he received instructions from L/Cpl. Hosken and these were to issue petrol according to the amount demanded on a receipt and to obtain the receipts from the drivers or their escorts.

Pearce said that as there was a surplus of petrol shown in the tank he had been instructed to issue more than was demanded where possible, and this was to assist in bringing the stocks back to normal.

Not Unusual

Asked if he considered any part of these instructions as being unusual, Pearce replied in the negative and explained that Cpl. Hosken had told him that there was a surplus and that surplus had to be brought back to normal.

Questioned by Capt. Robertson as to whether he had heard from any other source that this was the normal procedure of getting rid of the surplus, Pearce said that the previous operator of the pump told him that he had found it difficult to keep the stocks level owing to excess accumulation, and that at times he had to give it away.

To Capt. Robertson, Pearce said that he had never got any pecuniary advantage by carrying out his instructions.

To Major Grieve, Pearce said that he had read the orders issued to the petrol issuer.

Major Grieve: After reading these orders, didn't you realise that it was incorrect to give the petrol away without obtaining a correct receipt?.—I did realise it.

Made No Report

In realising that you were doing something that was not quite correct, did you take any steps to report this matter to anybody in view of the instructions to the petrol issuer signed by the Company Commander?—I didn't report the matter to anybody.

As there must have been daily discrepancies in your stock, did you report it?—I did not know there was any discrepancy.

Pearce also said that in his 10 months' service he had no duties of issuing stores.

Driver L. A. Wheatley said he had been petrol issuer from the beginning of June until the end of August, and then handed his duties to Driver Pearce. When Pearce took over the work, witness did not give him any instructions. At that time the petrol pump was in a bad condition—the handle was broken and the hose was leaking.

Witness said that he knew there was a surplus in the tank at the beginning of August because L/Cpl. Hosken told him about it. He did not know whether there was any surplus in the tank when he handed over the pump to Pearce.

Testifying, Capt. K. S. Mould of the R.A.S.C., said that Pearce was in his Company and had been under his command since his arrival in Hongkong in January. During the whole time, witness had had no trouble with Pearce whatsoever. Pearce had always been well turned out and had given every satisfaction.

"He is a man that I personally would trust," concluded Capt. Mould.

The case is proceeding.

Manslaughter

Found guilty of the manslaughter of a miner named Cheung Hoi at Needle Hill mines, Shing Mun, on August 16, Chu Loi, 25, mine inspector, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

NO SCRAP FOR JAPAN

Mexico's Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mexico will not sell scrap iron to any totalitarian Power despite Japan's reported high bids.

On the contrary Mexico may sell 19,000 tons to Britain.

It is concurrently reported that the Government has decided to cancel a 250,000 acre concession at Vera Cruz on which a Japanese concern holds the right to carry out petroleum explorations; however, it is not clear whether the actual cancellation order has yet been issued.

Concessions In Mexico

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP) — At to-day's press conference, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had received nothing official on the reported Mexican cancellation of Japanese-controlled petroleum concessions.

Big Fleet At Gibraltar

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ALGECIRAS, Oct. 22 (Domei).—The British Navy has assembled a formidable flotilla at Gibraltar where three battleships, one cruiser, and four destroyers are seen riding at anchor, while five patrol boats are patrolling nearby waters.

STRIKE ENDS IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Trams and buses are resuming to-day following the settlement of the month-long strike led by the pro-Nanking Labour Union.

It is reported that the French Tramway Company has recognised the new union and has increased wages by $6 monthly.

During the strike, which was one of the longest Shanghai has ever had, 35 were arrested in riots.

The names of three other jurors, Messrs. C. Tetzel, J. G. Rocha and Tso Yin-kin, had been called in the original seven, but his Lordship observed that they were members of banks. "As the case involves banknotes and in fairness to the accused, you gentlemen are excused from serving," he said.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and said that on the morning of September 10, Chinese Revenue Officer Yeung Shing-cheung was on special duty at the Wing Lok Wharf, Connaught Road Central, keeping watch for smugglers of tobacco and other contraband goods from the steamer Chungshan, which had just arrived from Macao.

Hesitated

About 10.45 a.m., he saw a Chinese woman, the accused, walking along the wharf towards the entrance gates. When about 10 yards from the gates, she hesitated, stopped and turned around. Yeung stopped and questioned her, but the woman told him she had no tobacco. Yeung was not satisfied and took her to the Imports and Exports Department office where he reported the matter to Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt.

On instructions from the latter, Yeung obtained a female searcher who searched the accused and found two parcels under the front folds of her trousers. The parcels were wrapped up in newspaper, but one had a torn corner, and protruding through the hole was what looked like banknotes. Mr. Grimmitt telephoned to the Police and the defendant was subsequently arrested. Examination of the parcels revealed 200 $10 Chartered Bank notes, which were found to be forgeries.

When charged with possession the next day, accused said: My friend asked me to carry. The banknotes are not mine.

Shroff Testifies

Ho Wing-chiu, shroff of the Cash Department of the Chartered Bank, declared that he had examined the banknotes and found them to be forgeries. Asked how he could tell, he said that the paper was thicker and stiffer than that of the genuine banknotes, the colouring was slightly different, and the numbers arranged irregularly. In his opinion, the notes were not good forgeries.

After corroborative evidence of accused's arrest had been given, she gave evidence herself. Accused said that a man had given her the parcels on board the steamer. She did not know what they contained and thought it was tobacco. She further thought that she was earning a dollar or two in helping to carry dutiable tobacco ashore. Accused further added that the man who had given her the parcels had been arrested.

Cross-examined, accused said that she was instructed by the man to take the parcels to the Ping On boarding-house where he would be waiting for her.

The Jury retired for about 50 minutes before returning their verdict of not guilty by a 5-2 majority.

Kidnapping In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (Central News).—Hsu Tso-liang, a resident in Yu Yuen Road in the western district, Shanghai, was kidnapped on October 18 by four men who also robbed him of about $1,000 worth of jewellery and banknotes.

His family did not report the kidnapping to the Police until yesterday lest the kidnappers should kill him at once.

Rumania Demobilises

BUCHAREST, Oct. 22 (UP).—Military circles confirm that Rumania is now demobilising on an important scale.

The loss of a quantity of silverware valued at $75 was reported to the Police yesterday by Dr. I. Newton of the Kowloon Hospital.

HITLER RECEIVES HIS PUPPET

BERLIN, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Hitler received M. Laval, the French Vice-Premier, to-day according to the German wireless.

Herr von Ribbentrop was present at the interview which apparently took place in France.

Vichy or Madrid

New York, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Dispatches from Berlin to-day agree that Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has left Berlin.

He is generally believed to be on his way to Vichy or Madrid, or both, and it is hinted that a final peace settlement with the Petain Government may be in the wind.

Abandoned Girl In Court Case

A 16-year-old Chinese girl, who was said to have been sleeping in the streets for some time because her mother, after re-marriage, had not looked after her, was warned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for her foolishness in hiring a bicycle for a friend to enable him to sell it.

The girl, Lui Siu-chun, appeared as complainant in a case in which Leung Ki, 20, was charged with larceny of the bicycle from outside the Fei Hang Bicycle Shop, in Yee Kuk Street. The machine was valued at $20.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sergeant Shaw said that on October 10, the girl was asked by the defendant to hire the bicycle. She loaned the machine to the defendant, who sold it for $0. The girl was seen in the street by the fokis of the bicycle shop a few days later. She said she did not go to report the matter because the defendant had asked her not to do so, but she knew about the sale.

She then brought the police to defendant's house, where he was arrested.

At the station, Leung Ki said the girl has arranged with him to steal the bicycle. He stated that he had bought her some clothes with the money, but, although it was true that he had provided her with clothes, they were bought some days previously.

Dangerous Action

After sentencing the defendant to six weeks' hard labour, Mr. Macfadyen told the girl that her action was very dangerous as she might very well have been charged herself.

Sergeant Shaw told His Worship that the girl had been sleeping in the streets. The mother had re-married three years ago and had not been looking after her, and the girl had been unsuccessfully looking for work.

The girl's mother, a licenced hawker was in court. She was told by the Magistrate that she must take the girl back and take care of her until she could find employment. To the girl, Mr. Macfadyen said she must stay with the mother and behave herself, or he would have to consider sending her to some institution, as she was still under age.

Chinese Defy War

Fukien Development

FOOCHOW, Oct. 23 (Central News).—Chinese merchants in Johore, British Malaya, have raised a large sum for the development of Fukien province.

Cheng Ching-luen and Yeh Chuan, who recently arrived in Yungan as representative of Chinese capitalists in Johore, have decided to invest $2,000,000 in the reclamation of waste land in northern Fukien.

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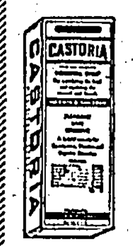
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Lloyd George has a slight chill and was unable to proceed to London from Wales to-day.

Mr. L. R. Androwes, Registrar of the Supreme Court, reports the loss of his car No. 472 which was parked outside the Hongkong Club yesterday.



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Far East Evacuees & Shipping Rates

Washington Investigation

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—Government officials to-day said that the question of rates for the evacuation of Americans from the Far East is still under consideration between the Government and the shipping companies, but at present it is not likely that the rates can be reduced much, if any, on account of the high expense of the voyage. They said the ships will be operated at a loss even at the present rates.

They drew attention to the fact that the vessels have been withdrawn from their regular runs to make a special trip without much, if any, freight revenues which normally help to sustain the costs. The vessels will make a two-way trip without much freight and passengers fares, certainly less than enough to pay the costs.

The Government lacks funds for the removal of citizens although, as in the European evacuations, Government officials will co-operate to obtain money for destitutes from their friends, relatives or employers in the United States.

The reports that Japanese and Dutch shipping is bidding for the evacuation business has aroused much interest here and it is indicated that this might be considered among other factors in the discussions, but it is also indicated that it would not be the major consideration.

The State Department said they had not received a second appeal from the Shanghai American Association for more equitable rates.

Mr. Hull's Assurance

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at the press conference to-day said that the State Department is giving full attention to the complaints from citizens that the passenger rates on evacuation vessels from the Far East are too high.

He said that it is the Department's policy to guard against excessive profits by shipping companies, and to keep the fares down to a level that would provide a reasonable payment to the companies; however, he was unable to announce anything new.

Other State Department sources said that some new developments in the Far Eastern evacuation situation might come later, but there was no indication of what this might be.

Mr. Hull said no thought had been given to the Government chartering the vessels and apportioning the passenger fares.

Sharp Business

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Oct. 23 (UP).—The American Association has sent a message to Mr. Cordell Hull advising that the American evacuation will be a failure unless equitable steamship fares are announced immediately.

A group of American evacuees is considering chartering the Taiyo Maru.

American businessmen welcomed the British evacuation advice because British business concerns have been capitalising the American evacuation by telling Chinese businessmen that it is useless to order American goods because the Americans will probably be unable to effect delivery. Consequently much American business has been switched to the British in the past fortnight.

Request Repeated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

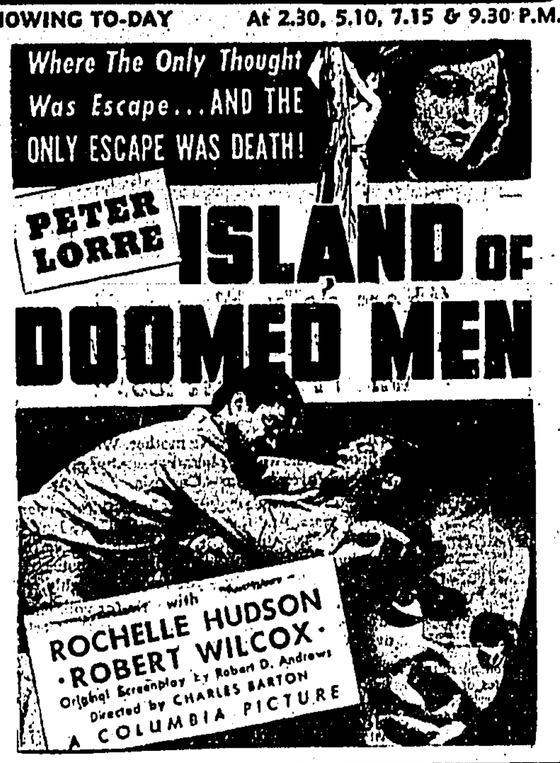
SHANGHAI, Oct. 23 (UP).—The American Consulate has again sent circular letters to American nationals saying that the State Department repeats its advice that you consider taking advantage of available shipping facilities.

Roosevelt Requisitioned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, Oct. 22 (UP).—The United States has requisitioned the 18,869-ton liner President Roosevelt. The liner will be withdrawn from the New York-Bermuda service.

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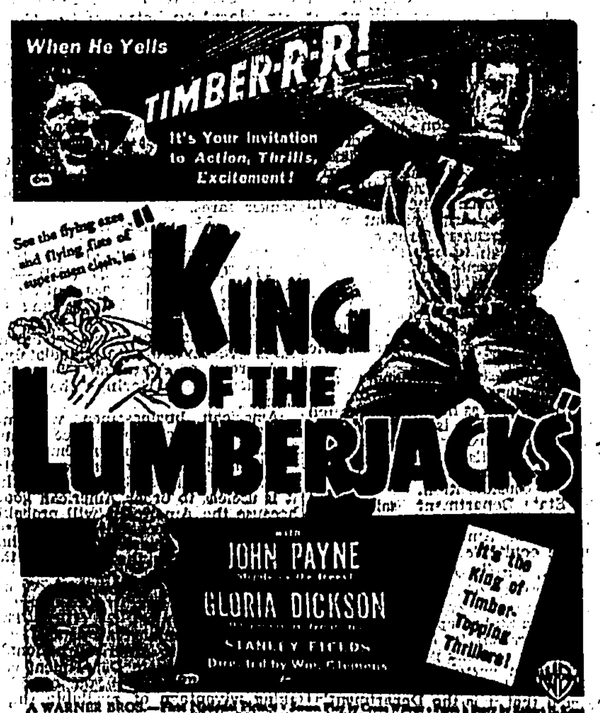
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BRITISH MILITARY MISSION

CHUNGKING, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—There is no information here concerning the report that Britain is sending a military mission to China.

Well-informed quarters are inclined to the belief that such a mission is unnecessary at the present juncture as they are convinced that Japan is unlikely to take drastic action in the near future either against Britain or the United States in the Far East.

Chinese circles are of the opinion that Japan will probably confine her activities at present to the bombing of the Burma Road and also to strengthening her position in Indo-China.

Despite her threats, Japan for economic if not other reasons, is not in a position to wage a war in the Pacific against America or Britain.

A British military mission to China would be necessary in the event of a determined Japanese drive towards Burma for an attack on Singapore.

Desert Warfare

Enemy Post Attacked

Near Kenya Border

NAIROBI, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—A successful attack against an enemy post near the Kenya frontier is announced in a communique issued here.

It says that one of our ground patrols attacked an enemy post at Dukan, near the Kenya border, 70 miles from Lake Rudolf. The enemy withdrew, leaving five dead and also some camels and equipment.

Our casualties were one killed and one wounded.

Desert Patrols

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—To-day's Cairo communique says that one of our patrols successfully attacked the enemy at Dukan, Kenya. The enemy withdrew, leaving five killed as well as equipment and camels.

French Envoy Interviewed

After Talk With Welles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—On leaving Mr. Sumner Welles' office after a talk, M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador, told waiting reporters that he had not the slightest information, direct or indirect, about reports that France might enter the war on Germany's side.

The Ambassador was understood to have discussed a proposal to send additional United States observers to Martinique.

M. Haye declined to comment directly on the report but said that the American and French Governments were trying to determine what to do with the 100 American-made warplanes which the French aircraft carrier, Bearn, has taken there.

In answer to questions about the Vichy Government's reaction to Mr. Churchill's address, M. Haye said: "I don't know. I only know my own. I was very much impressed, but if he said something about easing the blockade for the benefit of French women and children, that would touch the French people very much."

Death Of Mr. Szeto Chung

Ambulance Officer

Mr. Szeto Chung passed away last night at the Queen Mary Hospital, having been ill for some time.

Deceased was 49 years of age. He leaves a widow, and a large family. Two sons are members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Szeto Chung was at the time of his death, in the employ of the Hongkong Club as Librarian, having been in that post for many years.

He was also Corps Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, being attached to Headquarters. Joining the Brigade in 1916 as a private, he quickly rose to Officer rank, showing keenness and efficiency and winning several medals and other honours.

The funeral will leave the Queen Mary Hospital to-day at 3 p.m. for the Chinese Christian Cemetery.

STORMS HOLD UP CLIPPERS

A series of exceptionally severe storms have been lashing the Pan American mid-Pacific bases at Wake and Midway Islands. The "Honolulu Clipper," Hongkong-bound, has been forced to remain in Honolulu and will not be arriving in Hongkong until Monday, October 28.

Wake Island experienced a particularly severe storm and was out of touch with the world for forty-eight hours. However, assurances have been received that damage to buildings was slight.

Midway Island is now experiencing a storm of lesser intensity but which is causing heavy seas.

SHIP AGROUND

TOKYO, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—The Karachi Maru, 5,860 tons, of the Yamamoto Steamship Company, ran aground early yesterday morning 200 metres off Izudori beach, western Setoro, in South Sagalien.

No damage to the ship nor casualties among the passengers have resulted.

Australian Griffins Sold

High Prices Obtained At Auction

The first batch of Australian Griffins imported for the 1941 racing season was put up for sale by auction yesterday.

Nine ponies were sold, and two, a bay mare by Silverado from Llangilda and a bay gelding by Double Court from Army Lass, fetched $3,500 and $2,500 respectively. The upset price in each of the sales was $1,250. Two ponies were withdrawn from the sale, one, as there were no bids, and the other because it was said the Veterinary Surgeon was not quite satisfied with it.

The names of the purchasers of the ponies were not disclosed to the Press because, said an official of the Jockey Club, the sale was a private one and it was not known whether the buyers would object to their names being known. Another official said that if it was discovered that the buyers did not object to their names appearing, there would be sent to the Press.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Jockey Club, acted as auctioneer, and opening the sale he said that a great deal of trouble had been experienced during the last few years in obtaining reasonable China ponies at a proper price. Many difficulties had arisen and the Stewards had tried very hard to get over them by registration of breeders, but he was afraid that a great portion of the ponies had not proved satisfactory. This year, there was the trouble in the North.

Not Been Galloped

Mr. Pearce added that this experiment was being tried so that members of the Jockey Club might see the ponies they were going to buy. The ponies had not been galloped, but had been trotted, and, as far as the Veterinary Surgeon could see, they were all sound.

Concluding, Mr. Pearce said that the Stewards of the Club could not give a guarantee that a similar batch of ponies would be obtained as this depended on the success of the present batch.

The auction will be continued at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The full list of ponies sold, and their prices, follows:

A Chestnut Mare, aged 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins., by Bravia from Little Ina, $1,850; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Double Court from Army Lass, $2,500; Chestnut Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Woorak from Carolist, $1,450; Bay Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Double Court from Royal Ruby, $1,000; Bay Gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Weatherwise from Unnamed, $1,250; Chestnut Mare, 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins., by Dignus from Lady Mecca, $1,800; Bay Mare 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Silverado from Llangilda, $3,500; Brown Mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Pentheus from Royal Glory, $1,750; Chestnut Mare, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins, by Colugo from Cooma Maid, $1,550.

Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to pony classification lists dated May 28, 1940, as notified by Hongkong Jockey Club:

Australian ponies.—Devonian, Melody Star and Tornado Star to "B" class; Winnie to "C" Class; Longdon, Strathcarrick and Surprise Again to "D" Class.

China Ponies.—Thirty Six and Victoria to "B" Class and Half-Moon Eve to "C" Class.

'Emigrated' Man Is Still Interned

The case of Hans Alec Rosenfelder, interned Nuremberg man mentioned in the House of Commons becomes even more puzzling.

Colonel Wedgwood, Socialist member for Newcastle-under-Lyme, told M.P.s that Hans had written to him to say he had been emigrated to Australia.

But Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, told the House that Hans was being released to join the British Army.

Hans's young English wife phoned the camp commandant in the Isle of Man. "He told me that Hans is still interned, and quite well," she said afterwards. "No authority for his release has yet been received."

The Home Office could not solve the puzzle-inquiries about individual internees are not answered. The machine must have time to work.

But the girl Hans married, Ivy Samuel, a vivacious brunette who claims distant relationship to Lord Samuel, is still anxious.

LATE NEWS

CANADIAN NAVY GROWING

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Six more large steam-driven minesweepers costing £120,000 each, have been ordered for the Royal Canadian Navy, says the Canadian Minister of Munitions, Mr. C. D. Howe.

This brings the number of vessels in Canada's major shipbuilding programme to 98, involving more than £12,000,000 and consisting of 34 minesweepers for the Canadian Navy, ten corvettes for the Royal Navy and 54 corvettes for the Canadian Navy.

A very substantial proportion of these 98 ships will have been launched before the end of this year.

Death Of Mr. A. B. Stewart

Former Partner Of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Ltd.

The news was received by cable this morning of the death in London of Mr. A. B. Stewart, a partner of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Mr. Stewart, who was 52 years of age, had been suffering from a long illness.

The late Mr. Stewart, who was very well known in Hongkong, came East from Scotland in 1910. He spent five years with his firm in Tientsin before being transferred to the Colony, where he remained, but for one year in Shanghai, until 1935. He became a partner of the firm in that year, and proceeding Home, looked after the interests of the firm in England until 1939 when he retired to live in Rickmansworth, Herts.

Colony Golf Champion

Golf was Mr. Stewart's main recreation, and he was one of the leading players in this part of the world, winning the local Championship and playing Interport for Hongkong against Manila in 1924.

During his 20 years in Hongkong, Mr. Stewart maintained varied interests in both the commercial and social spheres. He was a Director of several local Companies, including the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Peak Tramways, Ltd.

Mr. Stewart's wife and two children survive him. They are at present resident in London.

Nazi Warships Bombed

R.A.F. Raid Hamburg

LONDON, Oct. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy warships under construction at the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards at Hamburg, were heavily attacked last night by R.A.F. bombers.

Tons of high explosives and over one thousand fire bombs were dropped on the shipyard and docks in the immediate vicinity in a raid which began soon after 8 p.m. and continued for more than an hour.

A heavy ground haze, great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire made conditions difficult for the raiders but by making individual attacks from all directions and heights.

They were able to evade the ground defences and press home their attacks.

Chain of Fires

Many fires broke out in the shipyard and surrounding docks, and in one place a chain of fires became one great flaming mass.

Heavy bombers made a lightning raid on an oil refinery at Reisholz, near Dusseldorf at 6.30 p.m. For ten minutes high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained on the plant and 14 separate fires were counted in the target area.

Many explosions and fires were started in railway yards at Dusseldorf and Derendorf and bombs were also dropped on the mainline southwest of Dusseldorf and on an aerodrome at Stade.

Suspected Murder On Island Hills

Believed to have been cold-blooded murder, an attack was carried out at the Jardine's Hill Refugee Camp last night when Kwong Yan-fuk, 37-year-old leather worker who was fatally wounded while he lay asleep in his hut.

Using a sharp instrument, believed to be a chopper, the assailant severed the arteries in Kwong's neck and the man died at midnight in hospital.

The attack was made through a rattan flap window under which the murdered man was lying, with his wife beside him.

Before he lost consciousness Kwong named a man as the alleged assailant and the police spent till last night and the early hours of this morning searching the hills for him, but without success.

The investigation is in the hands of Inspector W. N. Darkin and Inspector L. R. Whant.

Allied Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 22 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that 63,265 tons of merchant shipping was lost to enemy action during the week ending October 13.

This comprised seven British ships totalling 32,370 tons; three Allied vessels of 17,537 tons and three neutral vessels of 13,358 tons. This compares with enemy claims that 122,041 tons had been sunk during the same period.

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